



Aussie rules: Australia's David Campese diving to score his side's first try in their 16-6 victory over the All Blacks in the Rugby World Cup semi-final in Dublin yesterday

## Major's initiative lags behind Brussels demands

# EC presses Britain on top jobs for women

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government is facing tough new demands from Brussels over equality for women at work.

With Britain already embroiled in disputes over working hours and the environment, the EC is launching an ambitious programme to improve the lot of women in the workplace, and their prospects for top jobs. The measures must be implemented within four years.

The government has accepted the EC programme, and its formal launch in the UK will be headed on December 3 by Angela Rumbold, the Home Office minister with special responsibility for

women. However, campaigners say the government will have considerable difficulty in meeting the EC's requirements, despite Opportunity 2000, a business-led initiative to improve the lot of women in the workplace, which is being launched today by Mr Major. The measures Mr Major will endorse lag far behind those planned by the EC.

Member state legislation, especially employment law, will be measured against EC standards, and workplace-based initiatives, on such issues as training, will have to be similarly measured. The proportion of women in key areas of public life will also be examined, including the number of women in the judiciary, the civil service and those being appointed to public bodies and other jobs.

Mr Major is expected to outline proposals in London this morning to improve the position of women in the civil service and to examine the number of women on shortlists for senior civil service jobs. A number of government bodies, including the Cabinet

Office, the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise will make public commitments on women as part of the launch, although none is setting specific targets on increasing the numbers they employ.

In about four weeks, the EC will launch its so-called third action programme, setting objectives on women with which member states will be required to comply. The programme is part of the EC's social action plan: the enactment of the social charter which is causing the government a number of difficulties, particularly over its provision on working hours.

Joanna Foster, of the Equal Opportunities Commission, which asked Mr Major publicly last week to take steps to improve the position of women, said: "Every organisation will have to set out what it is doing under the third action programme." She said women would be looking in particular at the commitment of the government. Women's campaigners remain sceptical about its attitude towards women after what they see as

Mr Major's failure to appoint a woman to a cabinet post.

While two-thirds of Mr Major's 75 staff are women, only two hold top posts. Elizabeth Symons, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, said: "The prime minister must put his own house in order."

Fifty thousand women join the civil service every year, but only a handful make it to the top. There are none among the 35 permanent secretaries who head government departments. Seven years into a programme launched by Mrs Thatcher to achieve equality of opportunity for women civil servants, Whitehall unions say women are overwhelmingly concentrated in lower grades.

Dame Jill Knight, vice chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, said: "It seems to me that there should be a little less talk about quotas and a little more talk about quality."

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## Hurd urges Maastricht caution

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is keen to get agreement on European economic and monetary union at the Maastricht summit in December — but not at any price, Douglas Hurd said.

The foreign secretary said: "We are not going to reach agreement on the final shape of Europe. That will probably be for our children. What we will decide in Maastricht is whether there is enough common ground for further worthwhile steps forward."

Mr Hurd was speaking as the Dutch government prepared to unveil its draft proposals for union which, as expected, will give Britain the

option of avoiding a commitment to join a single currency in advance. Mr Hurd, however, made clear that Britain would not sign an accompanying "non-binding" declaration setting the eventual goal of full monetary union.

He said he thought there was enough common ground for further worthwhile steps forward. "It is in the interests of Britain that there will be agreement at Maastricht. That is what we are aiming at, even though we are not going to agree, obviously, on the final ultimate shape."

As the obstacles to an accord appeared to mount up,

with Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, advising John Major against signing any treaty, Mr Hurd sought to reassure Britain's partners that it still believed a deal to be possible. Mr Hurd said that in the next six weeks "we will be working very hard to try to reach agreement and to try to bridge the gaps which remain".

Mr Major is attempting to strengthen the British hand in the run-up to the summit. And

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## Eastern diplomats join pinstripe brigade

By MICHAEL BINION  
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE suave art of British diplomacy has its detractors, but not in Eastern Europe. Fifty-three young diplomats from former communist countries have just spent three days listening and learning at the Foreign Office as part of a three-month course for the emerging democracies from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

They have played war games amid the intractable scenarios of the Middle East, been briefed by Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, on the kind of diplomatic advice ministers prefer (brief, bright and at the proper time), and learned how to hone the punchy soundbite for the television cameras that lie in wait outside every international conference.

All began their careers when diplomacy consisted mainly of purveying the party line abroad. Suddenly they have

coped with the irritants of democracy: squabbling politicians, prying public opinion, financial accountability and personal responsibility. After a raw dose of British politics, the course takes them on tours of such democratic bastions as the BBC, the Stock Exchange and Parliament and, when they have grown a suitable armour of pinstripe *unapparatus*, takes them into the bloody arena of national self-interest: the European Commission in Brussels.

The course is run by Leeds University, which won the contract put out by Britain's Know-How Fund for Eastern Europe. It mixes lectures, seminars, role-playing and intensive English courses with trips to Scotland and the Yorkshire Dales and a few days stay in remote farm houses or with ordinary workers' families — a sink-or-swim test of English comprehension and communication skills if ever there was.

Many of the diplomats come from

ministries in the throes of reorganisation. Andrei Zyrinian is second secretary at the new foreign ministry of Russia — which existed only as a protocol facade until the break-up of the Soviet Union, and is recruiting about 500 diplomats from scratch. Peter Lizek is a senior adviser with the Slovak republic, now asserting its independence from the Czechs.

Both admired the professionalism of British diplomacy. The "yes, minister" ability to serve any political master — and argue the line to the media — with the same degree of detached commitment was a goal that might take years to achieve in their own countries, they admitted. Russia and Czechoslovakia have very different diplomatic goals and traditions, but both countries could usefully import the impartial reporting skills of British diplomacy.

Ironically, both men and several

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## Directors signal economic recovery

By PHILIP BASSETT  
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government and recession-hit businesses are expected to welcome the boost in confidence to be signalled tomorrow by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and reflected in the Institute of Directors' two-monthly survey this morning.

The survey of directors shows that most are more optimistic about the economy and the outlook for their companies, compared with fewer than half responding to a survey in August.

Ministers received indications before the weekend of the findings of the latest authoritative CBI quarterly industrial trends survey, which they believe confirm the claims made by John Major, and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that the economy is beginning to recover.

Travellers from Zaire's economic heartland spoke of widespread looting and burning and said that the town of Lumumbashi had been practically obliterated. They said that the town had been brought to a halt after a week of rioting and a general strike that has paralysed the state-run Jecamines Mining Corporation, which produces up to 70 per cent of Zaire's foreign exchange.

Alan Small, an American consultant with the mining group, who escaped from riot-torn Lumumbashi on Saturday under escort by armed Belgian paratroopers, said last night that the city had been seven-eighths destroyed.

"There is nothing left," Mr

Small said. "It has been very badly hit. The soldiers did not

raid the banks, but very few

shops and businesses have not

been looted. Those that were

left untouched managed to

pay off the rioters. The vast

majority have been gutted,

looted, and burned."

Jecamines, the next biggest em

ployer in the region, had not

been looted, he said. There

were no reports of deaths or

injuries among the 1,200

1,500 expatriates escorted by

Belgian troops.

Jecamines has a store from

which it supplied 5,000 tons of

maize a month. It and others

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## How England dropped into the rugby final

Rob Andrew, England's stand-off half, reveals that failing to catch the ball was his greatest fear as he prepared for the kick that took England to victory over Scotland and into the World Cup final



THE pass which Richard Hill threw to me with only eight minutes of the Rugby World Cup semi-final remaining had already arrived ... a thousand times before. For months and years, after almost every England training session, we have gone off on our own, set up camp in or around the imaginary opposition's 22-metre line, and rehearsed dropped-goals.

The technique has been worked upon and polished incessantly. It had to be: just

such a contingency, we always knew, could one day win an important game, such as a World Cup semi-final.

We did not need to speak to know what each other felt had to be done from that scrum.

There was just a look from Richard and he probably picked up a similar expression on my face. It had to be a dropped goal. And it had to go over, because it was the perfect position for such a score, and we were locked with Scotland at 6-6. If there is ever a sitter for a dropped goal, then that position provided it: a nice, clean scrum ball channelled back crisply and on to me, just to the left of the posts.

As the ball came flying towards me, I was concentrating on two things. The first was to catch it. That may sound absurd, but it is only by getting the simple things, the basics of the game, exactly right that you succeed. Once that had been achieved, I had to keep my head down as I struck the ball and I could not take too long making the kick, for the Scottish breakaway forwards would come flying at me. I struck the kick really well. I knew that the moment it left my boot.

It gave me a share of the world record for dropped goals, with Lescabour of France and Botha of South Africa. I did not know that at the time and I still care very little about it now. It was just crucial for England that we scored then, for it was the first time we had been ahead and it offered us the chance to close the game down.

I thought we did that in a

very ordered and clinical manner. We never gave Scotland a chance. In that sense, we were very pleased with the way we played the final minutes in Edinburgh.

On Saturday night, we really felt for the Scottish team. I hope that does not sound condescending, because it is certainly not meant to. I want to say that they handled their defeat very well. We know them well and spent the evening with them having dinner and then a few beers.

It was not a raucous night from our point of view, just a very, very good evening. The sense of achievement at having reached the World Cup final via Paris and Edinburgh would be hard to overestimate. We are right to feel satisfaction and, indeed, some pride at what we have done.

One thing which disappointed me and the other players on such an occasion is that our wives and girlfriends have to go off to have dinner on their own.

I really do feel it is time the rugby authorities ended this outdated practice of having wives and girlfriends eating together. At a time when we so wanted to share our inner thoughts and emotions with those closest to us, that pleasure was denied us. I regard it as an outdated custom and a mistake.

Australia in the final at Twickenham on Saturday will represent another massive test for us. But I believe it is a good thing for the game that there will be two new teams in the World Cup final from 1987.

And so, from all the excitement of Murrayfield, we are now tucked away in the peace of the Lincolnshire countryside. We left Edinburgh by train to come to a country hotel retreat to recharge our batteries for a couple of days.

Tomorrow, we return to London and our headquarters at Richmond to begin the long build-up to the match we always wanted to be part of the World Cup Final.

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## Rehabilitated Heseltine looks a winner either way



A YEAR after forcing the Conservative leadership contest that deposed Margaret Thatcher, Michael Heseltine is again riding high.

Westminster abounds with talk that the environment secretary is to be given a pivotal role in the general election campaign, that he would be industry secretary in a strengthened department in the next Tory government, and that perhaps even more senior posts await him.

None of this is confirmed in high places. The rumours come from sources well removed from Mr Heseltine. Their currency, however, underlines the extent of his rehabilitation.

The Tory conference set the seal on that process.

**Philip Webster** profiles Michael Heseltine, who so nearly succeeded Margaret Thatcher and whose recent victories may have revived his dream

Here, after all, was the forum that adored Mrs Thatcher. There was talk earlier in the year that it would treat the man seen, however unfairly, as responsible for her downfall as a pariah. The tumultuous ovation accorded Mrs Thatcher did not augur well.

Mr Heseltine confounded expectations by winning back his old status as the conference darling by giving the audience a Labour-bashing onslaught that veered well beyond his portfolio.

That may have been the

proof of his public recovery. In the privacy of the cabinet, where he has veteran status compared with most around him, he has been on the right side of the majority of big decisions this year.

His defeat by John Major last November shattered him, according to his friends. Mr Major became leader because most of her cabinet convinced Mrs Thatcher that, if she fought on, she would be beaten by her sworn enemy. Most Tory MPs agree that Mr Heseltine

was only three hours from the prize he had devoted his life to winning. Had she not pulled out shortly before nominations closed, neither Mr Major nor Douglas Hurd would have stood.

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Mr Heseltine softened his disappointment by throwing himself with verve into the job of government that he missed so much during his post-Westland years in the wilderness. He spearheaded abolition of the poll tax, winning the battle for a property-based alternative, and has secured legislation paving the way for restructuring local government. In classic Heseltine consultative style, a commission will travel the country deciding the structure best suited

particular areas. Mr Heseltine's preference is mainly for unitary authorities, and it is certain that some of the more unpopular counties, such as Avon, will disappear.

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Mr Heseltine defeated British Rail, and its transport department sympathisers, over the choice of the eastern route for the Channel tunnel rail link and has won Mr Major's approval for a study of his plan for a "linear city" in the east Thames corridor. Mr Heseltine approaches the election in a stronger position than many colleagues

**Tories' rights record attacked**

By TIM MILES

AN INTERNATIONAL human rights group said yesterday that civil liberties had undergone a marked change for the worse under the Conservative government.

A 66-page report by the Helsinki Watch Fund for Free Expression accused the government of using the Official Secrets Act and laws of confidence to "muzzle the press from covering defence, intelligence or military policy".

It said that since 1979, the government had increased police power over demonstrations, spawned "draconian anti-terrorism measures" in Northern Ireland and "sanitised" books and periodicals through "onerous" libel laws.

The accusations brought a sharp response from Tory backbench MP, Ivor Stanbrook, chairman of the party's Constitutional Committee, said: "I hope the government will dismiss it as yet another attempt to force their attention to issues which most people agree justify whatever restrictions are placed upon them."

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## Big increase in seizures of drugs at airports

By LIN JENKINS

CUSTOMS officers have recorded a large increase in the amount of drugs seized at London's three airports, reflecting the increasing targeting of Europe by drug barons as the American market reaches saturation point.

Drugs worth about £35 million at street values were seized at Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted airports in the six months to the end of September, compared with a haul of £43.5 million in the preceding 12 months.

David Chesters, customs assistant collector for the airports, said there had been a considerable increase in seizures of hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine, although the amounts of cannabis found were slightly reduced on the previous half year. Just over 60 per cent of all drugs seized in the United Kingdom were smuggled in from EC countries.

He added: "The trend appears to be of an increase in Class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine, and there is a real concern that with the single market a much higher criminal element will be involved."

Mr Chesters said that customs officers were concerned that political instability in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia could open up new routes for smugglers. Agreement has been reached for Britain to train Polish drug enforcement officers, and a similar programme with Czechoslovakia is being negotiated.

The figures released yes-



Something old, something new: prospective brides trying on some of the new and once-worn designer wedding dresses being sold at half-price at the Sheraton Park Tower hotel, in Knightsbridge, London, on Saturday

## Labour plans refugee change

By DAVID YOUNG

GOVERNMENT proposals to be unveiled this week to tighten up the rules giving asylum to political refugees would be altered under a Labour government to include a system of judicial hearings and the right to appeal, Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said yesterday.

He told BBC Radio Four's *The World This Weekend*: "What we have to do is to ensure that the genuine asylum seekers are allowed in and that bogus asylum seekers are kept out."

Mr Hattersley said Labour was as committed as the Tory party to keeping out people

who made bogus applications. He promised that Labour would be "more compassionate" about families who wanted to be reunited in Britain, and dependent relatives who also wanted to settle in this country.

He said: "We want to be sure that genuine asylum seekers get into this country. They must be given a proper judicial hearing. They must have legal representation and the right of appeal against arbitrary decisions."

The new government legis-

lation and a package of other measures to attempt to stem the flood of those seeking

political asylum in Britain is due to be announced on Thursday. The handling of cases will be speeded up and steps taken to ensure that asylum requests, now running at 1,000 a week, are not used to circumvent immigration procedures.

Asylum seekers arriving from "safe countries" where they could have sought asylum first will be returned to those countries. Fines on airlines who carry passengers into Britain without valid documentation will be doubled to £2,000 per head.

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## Officials deny study on cot death ignored

By TIM MILES

THE health department yesterday rejected claims that officials ignored research from New Zealand that could have prevented thousands of cot deaths in Britain.

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths will this week urge parents to follow four rules that research has suggested reduce deaths. It says that babies should be left to sleep on their sides or backs; that they should be kept out of smoky rooms, that they should not be allowed to get too hot and that parents

should contact a doctor as soon as a baby appears unwell.

The guidelines were suggested 18 months ago by researchers in New Zealand, where a government education campaign was set up.

The television presenter Anne Diamond, whose baby Sebastian was a cot-death victim, will on Thursday present a Thames TV documentary looking at the findings. She told *Woman's Own*:

"These little children are dying every day and nobody is doing enough about it."

## Regiment merger dogs Tory campaign

By KERRY GILL

THE future of the Gordon Highlanders continued to dog the Conservatives' campaign in the Kincardine and Deeside by-election last night as the Scottish Office denied that there was a rift between Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and the defence ministry.

Reports that a cabinet split had emerged between Mr Lang, said to favour a re-appraisal of the planned merger of the Gordons with the Queen's Own Highlanders, and Tom King, the defence secretary, were described as a media invention by one government source. However, the proposed merger has become as potentially damaging to the Tories' chance of winning the seat on November 7 as the health service issue.

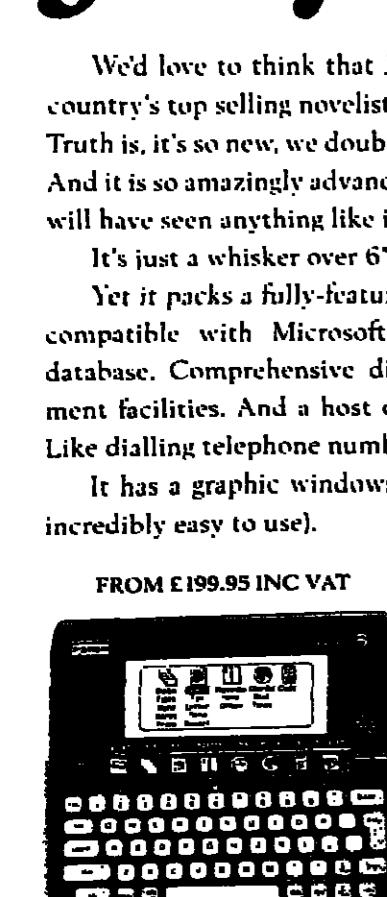
The apparent difference of opinion between Mr Lang and Mr King emerged last week after the group campaigning against merger dropped its plan to field a candidate in the by-election. Douglas Robson, the group's secretary, said it had withdrawn after being given an assurance that the regiment's future would be reconsidered.

That led to a fall from Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman, for either Mr Lang or Mr King to resign. Bill Walker, Tory MP for Tayside North, countered by saying that the Liberal Democrats' defence policy could provide no safeguard for any of the Scottish regiments faced with amalgamation.

Although the Liberal Democrats have been favourites to win Kincardine and Deeside, a Mori poll for *The Sunday Times* showed that all parties apart from Labour have slipped in popularity.

**CORRECTION**  
The picture published on October 23 said to be of Yossi Ben Abaron, director-general of the Israeli prime minister's office, was in fact a picture of Yitzhak Ben-Abaron, a former member of the Knesset and secretary-general of the Histadrut Federation of Labour from 1969-73.

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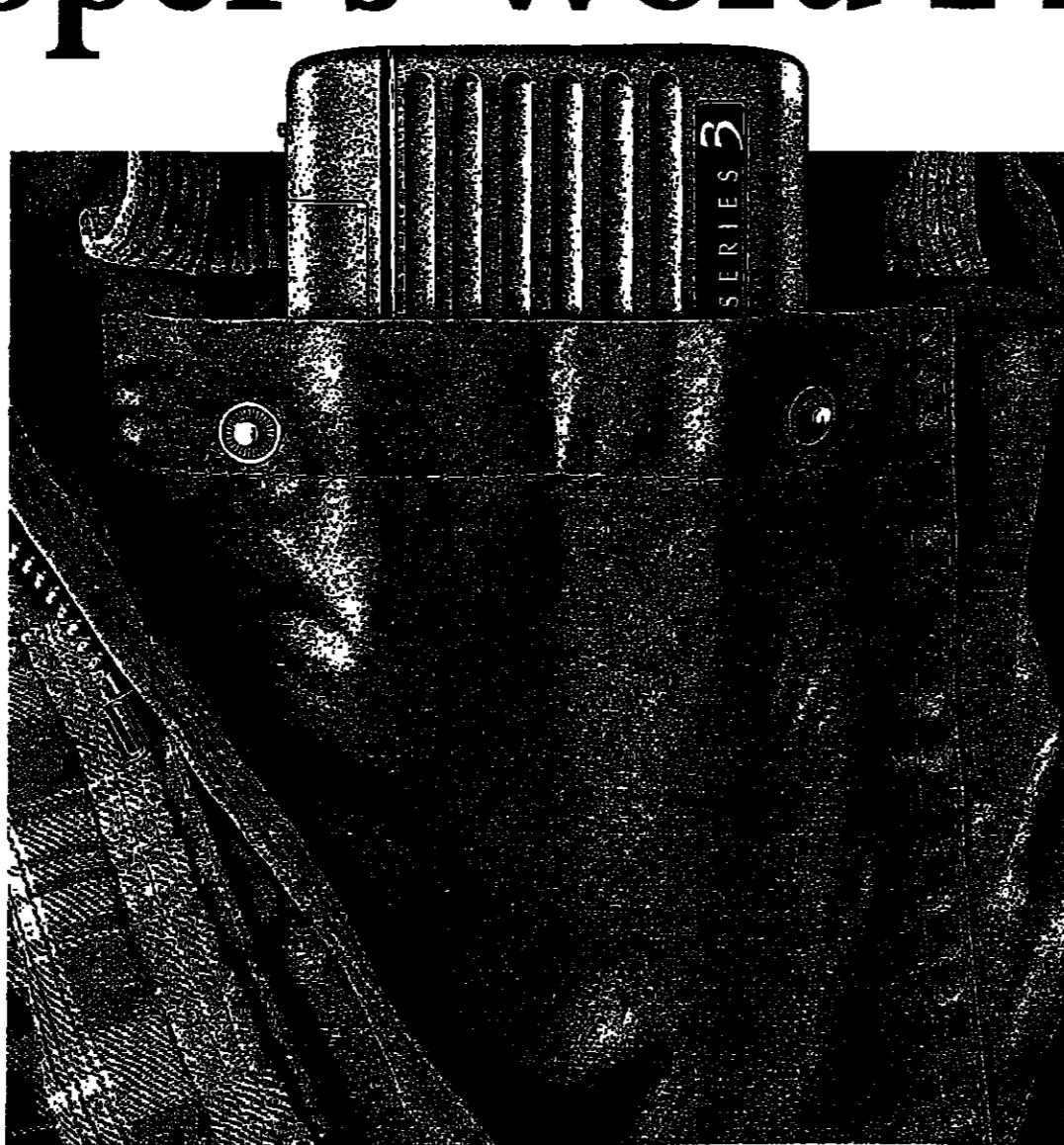
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## Cruelty allegations against Quorn fuel foxhunting disputes

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE controversy over hunting animals with hounds will intensify this week, fuelled by allegations of malpractice against the Quorn, which is Britain's most prestigious fox hunt and is regularly patronised by the Prince of Wales.

The allegations will form the basis of an all-party Commons motion against hunting to be tabled on Thursday by Ron Davies, the Labour MP for Caerphilly, and will increase the temperature of the hunting debate expected at the annual general meeting of the National Trust on Saturday. At that meeting seven anti-hunting campaigners are standing for election to the trust's council.

Both the Masters of Foxhounds Association and the Quorn committee are to hold enquiries into a video film

shot in Leicestershire by an undercover member of the League Against Cruel Sports. The film purports to show the Quorn unfairly hunting a fox, in terms of the Masters of Foxhounds Association's rules, by letting hounds kill it after the animal had been pulled from its earth by a terrier man. Hunting sources said yesterday that the allegation was serious and, if substantiated, might cause resignations.

Later this week the league is sending a dossier to MPs, alleging that the Quorn incident is merely one example in a spreading pattern of malpractice and deliberate cruelty by hunts. The league attributes the alleged malpractices to the growing influence of the terrier men, who follow the field with their

dogs and dig out the fox when it has gone to ground. The league will accuse ten hunts of such practices as "bagging" — keeping captured foxes in bags and releasing them in front of the hunt, sometimes with their sinews cut or otherwise maimed. The league says that its evidence includes statements from a former master and a former huntman.

Mr Davies has drafted an anti-hunting motion based on the video film. The motion is likely to be co-sponsored by two Conservative MPs, Steven Norris and Dame Janet Fookes, and the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes, which will give an indication of the strength of anti-hunting feeling in the House before an election that might let in a Labour government committed to allowing MPs a free vote on hunting.

On Saturday, there is likely to be a stormy debate at the National Trust annual meeting in London. At last year's meeting opponents of hunting won a resolution banning deer hunting on trust land and narrowly lost a vote on fox hunting. They are unhappy that the trust has shelved the deer hunting issue by setting up a study of it.

Brian Toon, spokesman for the association, said last night: "We have not seen the video yet but on the basis of what we have heard about it, it would appear that there is something that requires to be investigated." A special committee meeting would be convened, of the MFHA association committee, he said, which is chaired by Captain Ronnie Wallace, Master of the Exmoor Foxhounds.

Lord Crawshaw, the chairman of the Quorn, said last night: "We realise foxes have to be killed from time to time but we are totally opposed to any unnecessary cruelty. That is very much against the Quorn policy. Normally foxes are killed in the open, in natural conditions, or humanely destroyed if they go to ground. I have only heard about this and I have not seen the video, but the committee will have to consider the matter."

But why the pronghorn and not other mammals? The chances are that in the open plains of North America the creature developed its remarkable abilities to escape from the wolf, a predator that pursues its prey rather than ambushing it, as the big cats do in the African bush.

The pronghorn probably has a price to pay, in the form of a high metabolic rate that demands a lot of food. Compared with goats, a mammal of similar size, pronghorns can take up oxygen nearly five times as quickly. The scientists, writing in *Nature*, conclude that the pronghorn's ability derives from the development, to an extreme degree, of the functions shared by all mammals, rather than from any novelty in its anatomy.

Scientists at Laramie, Wyoming, have persuaded a pronghorn to run uphill on a sloping treadmill while measuring its oxygen consumption. Long-distance running depends upon the rate at which oxygen can be supplied to the muscles. For short dashes, the energy output of mammals exceeds the rate at which it can be generated, so an oxygen debt is run up. Over longer distances, however, they cannot run faster than their metabolism allows.

The researchers found that pronghorns use oxygen more than three times as efficiently as other animals of their size. Their lungs are large, their blood has a high haemoglobin concentration, for transporting oxygen, and their hearts

beat more strongly. Their muscles operate at a higher temperature, improving efficiency, and are particularly rich in energy-generating mitochondria.

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When it comes to sprinting, however, not even the pronghorn can beat the cheetah, which can reach 60mph over distances of up to 500 yards.

Thomson's gazelle can reach 50mph and the giraffe, the warthog and roe deer 30mph.

## Company cars ploy 'will fail'

By DAVID YOUNG

GOVERNMENT attempts to cut pollution and traffic congestion by tax changes aimed at reducing the number of company cars are likely to fail, according to a report prepared by City accountants.

Most staff offered extra money instead of a company car would simply buy their own and drive it to work, the report by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte says.

A survey of 122 large London companies showed that 65 per cent planned to offer staff the choice of a car or the money equivalent. More than 76 per cent were considering changes that would affect directors' and senior executives' company cars. However, 75 per cent of employees said that they would buy a car and use it to get to work if they received a pay rise in lieu of a company car. More than a third said that they would buy more expensive models.

The survey says that many companies could save thousands of pounds a year by changing their company car scheme without employees suffering financial disadvantage. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte has calculated that a driver of a BMW 3-series would be £3,000 a year better off after tax by running the car privately if the savings made by his employer were paid in extra salary.

David Staples, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, said: "John Major's citizen's charter will need to create a marked improvement in the quality of bus, tube and rail travel before company car drivers will be persuaded to switch over."

Mr Staples said that the survey was cold comfort for Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, who wants to tempt commuters off the roads and onto the railways.

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## 'Tsar's train' in sale of antique toys

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 600 toys from the insolvent company Mint & Boxed, including a train reputed to have belonged to Tsar Nicholas II, are to be sold at Sotheby's in January.

The tinplate, die-cast and other toys are being offered by order of the joint administrators Arthur Andersen & Co. The train, a gauge III spirit-fired, live-steam locomotive made by the German company Märklin, is expected to fetch up to £25,000. Last spring, Mint & Boxed was asking \$1 million for it, John Badley, of Sotheby's, said.

According to the Mint & Boxed antique toys catalogue, the Russian royal family had so much baggage that they left the train with the manager of the Crillon hotel in Paris after a state visit in 1905. "We are not convinced of that provenance and are cataloguing it as reputedly belonging to the Tsar," Mr Badley says.

A 1902 five-piece horse-drawn "fire set", including a fire chief's live-steam pumper, listed by Mint & Boxed at £238,000, is now estimated by Sotheby's at £40,000. Jeffrey Levitt, aged 35,

managing director of Mint & Boxed, won the Queen's award for export in April having convinced the trade and industry department that he had raised turnover from £350,000 to £14 million in eight years of trading. Six weeks later, the company went into receivership.

Mr Levitt, who says he understands the firm is being investigated by the company fraud squad, said last week that he had plans to return, in the same line of business.

"The receivers say they have made a complaint to the fraud squad, but I have not seen a single policeman," he said.

• An old master reputed to have changed hands to settle a gambling debt is estimated to make over £4 million at Sotheby's on December 11 (John Shaw writes). *The Fortress of Königstein*, by Bernardo Bellotto (1721-1780), is offered by executors of the late Countess Beauchamp, a £10 million sale, details of which will be announced today. The first Earl Beauchamp acquired it from Lord Palmerston, the Victorian prime minister, perhaps helping his gambling son.

## New world champion says thanks for the memory



O'Brien: established world record

THE first World Memory Champion, Dominic O'Brien, was crowned on Saturday after seeing off six other memory wizards at the Athenaeum Club in London (Michael Hawkes writes).

Mr O'Brien established a new world record for memorising the order of a pack of cards. In two minutes and 29 seconds he rifled through the cards, memorised their order, and repeated it without mistake to invigilator Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*.

However, it was child's play to O'Brien, aged 34, who is operations manager at

Stansted airport, who has in the past successfully memorised the order of 35 packs of cards and recalled them with only two errors.

On Saturday, Mr O'Brien, who has already been banned from two casinos, because of his ability, scored well in most of the seven competitions, organised under the auspices of the Brain Club.

Given 15 minutes to memorise as many as possible of a random sequence of digits, Mr O'Brien recalled 266 without error. His closest challenger throughout the day was Jonathan Hancock,

an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford. Third was Kenneth Wilshire, who works for the Chemical Bank of New York, ahead of Creighton Carvello, a 46-year-old nurse from Middlesbrough who knows 20,013 places.

Tony Buzan, the master of ceremonies, taught the audience a foolproof way of remembering the order of the nine planets, and then another ten while they see how many they have remembered.

England vs Scotland at Murrayfield, it wasn't. But these are early days; once even snooker was a private game played for pleasure and look what became of that.

MARTIN BEDDALL



## Police hunt for bodies in rubbish dumps

The hunt for the dismembered bodies of two women missing for a month will be stepped up today when police start searching rubbish dumps.

A man already in custody has said he dismembered the bodies of Joanne Rankin, aged 23, of Camberwell, and Barbara Hunt, aged 27, of Brixton, both south London, put them in bin liners and left them out for the rubbish collectors.

The man, aged 43, who is facing charges for other offences of violence, claims he enticed the women to his flat in Brixton and killed them as they slept.

## Water meter plan queried

Severn Trent water authority wants to install pre-payment water meters in bad payers' homes, so that supplies will automatically be cut off if the meters are not fed with tokens.

However, the Office of Water Services said it was concerned about which homes the meters would be installed in, and about the authority's plan to charge £200 for installing them.

## Man stabbed

A man, aged 47, was being questioned last night after the death from stab wounds of Brent Leslie, aged 27, of Rosyth, Fife, at a house in Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex.

## Poison dumped

Several tonnes of poison and pills, some dating from the first world war, have been handed in during a two-week "Dump It" campaign in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

## Eye in the sky

Satellites which monitored the movements of cruise missiles in the Gulf war are being given a trial by Lincolnshire police for spotting traffic and burglary offenders.

## Vet honoured

James Herriot, the author and vet, aged 75, has been made honorary life president of Sunderland Football Club, which he says he has supported since he was two.

## Lucky slip

A thief who stole a betting slip from football changing rooms in Torquay, Devon, collected £55 from the betting shop and vanished after the horse won, police said.

## Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bonds prize draw are: £100,000, number 11VZ 230555, (value of holding £255, winner lives in Newport, Gwent); £50,000, 12PB 604919, (£68, Lancashire); £25,000, UK 051177 (£50, London).

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the children come to school."

Ministers will receive a full analysis of all 600,000 pupils' tests next month. The foundation based its findings on a sample of 3,400.

An education department spokeswoman said yesterday: "The whole reason for having tests is to find out where children need help and then to direct it to them. This study underlines the need for testing."

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Academics and teachers' organisations said the discrepancy suggested that standards might have been set too high in mathematics. The government's Assessment of Performance Unit registered an improvement earlier this year among pupils aged 11 in most aspects of mathematics.

The foundation found, however, that fewer than one in seven of those taking the first tests under the national curriculum could multiply five by five. A third could not count to 100, and did not

know the meaning of a half or a quarter.

Although more than a quarter reached the top band of three when applying their mathematical knowledge to classroom experiments, results in the theoretical sections were poor. Only one in 50 made the top band for basic geometry.

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The men held are also being questioned about the attempted murder of another taxi-driver who was ambushed in the grounds of Belfast Castle in August. It is understood that there are likely to be more charges in connection with the weapons seizures.

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# World airlines 'are bleeding to death' as losses top £2bn

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

THE world's 200 leading airlines have lost more than £2 billion on international services this year, the annual conference of the International Air Transport Association in Nairobi was told yesterday.

The loss, the equivalent of more than £8 per passenger, is expected to rise to about £4 billion by the end of the year. Last year the airlines lost £2.7 billion.

Only 12 of the airlines are anywhere near breaking even yet they will have to find a total of £23 billion a year over the next 15 years just to finance fleets of new aircraft already on order, the conference was told.

"This kind of performance repeated a few times would mean the death of the industry," Dr Gunter Eser, director-general of the association, told the conference. "As we move towards the end of the year the industry is bleeding to death."

The industry has never faced financial problems on this scale. Further bankruptcies seem inevitable among privately-owned airlines while state-owned carriers are forced to demand more and more support from their struggling national economies.

Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, said: "Domestic traffic is still significantly below last year's level and pressure on costs is enormous. It now looks as if we will have to wait until next year before we see signs of a pick-up."

Many Third World countries are facing isolation from the rest of the world because large airlines in the developed world can no longer afford to fly on unprofitable routes and are concentrating on the few remaining money-spinning services across the Atlantic or the Pacific.

Dr Eser said that it was time for charging authorities, insurers and governments, to start caring. "Otherwise we won't have a viable industry in a few

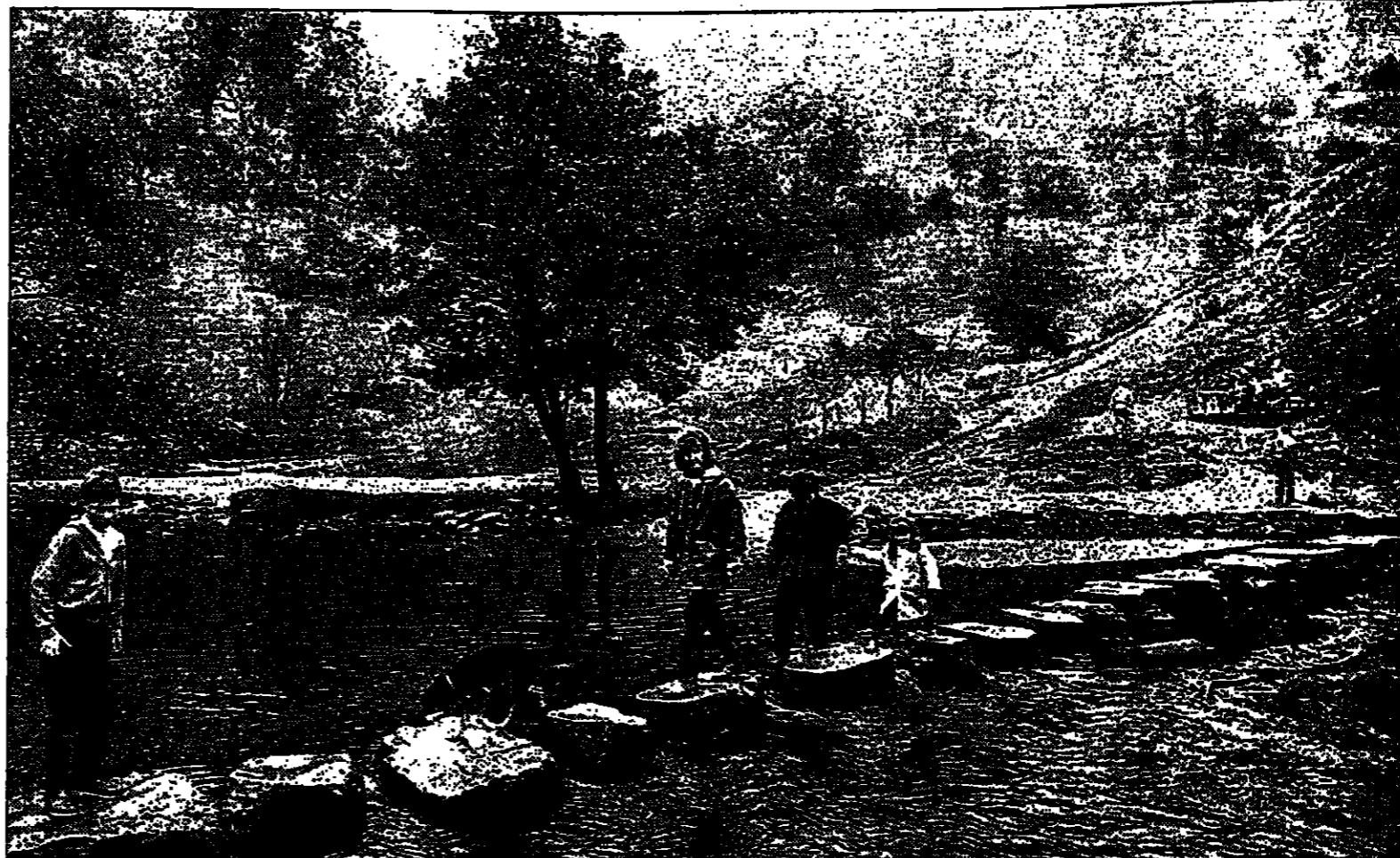
years time."

Interest charges on new aircraft rose by 27 per cent in 1989 and by 39 per cent in 1990 to reach a total amount of \$3 billion last year. Banks are demanding higher rates and returns on any investments they make.

British Airways, criticised for failing to buy Rolls-Royce engines to power its new passenger jets, has ordered a £2.2 million cabin crew training simulator from Oklahoma. Meanwhile, the British company hoping to win the contract has had to cut its staff in an attempt to survive.

Three companies were chosen for the short list, two American and Flysim of High Wycombe. All three met BA's strict specification and all appeared to be in the same price range.

British Airways said that Flysim's equipment needed additional work to make it operational and would have proved far more expensive. That is disputed by Flysim.



Water walk: visitors using stepping stones at Dovedale in the Peak District National Park, where a ten-year footpath restoration scheme costing £250,000 has just been completed. The restoration of the

seven-mile path through Dovedale and Wolscote Dale coincides with the 40th anniversary of the national park. Dovedale, made famous by Isaac Walton and Charles Cotton in *The Compleat Angler*, published in

1653, is visited by two million people a year, and it is estimated that 750,000 walk the footpath annually. That has caused severe erosion, and work began in 1981 on restoration, using limestone materials. The

project designer, Phillip Beh Mycock, said there had been great difficulties of access to the path "in its narrow, steep and wet valley". Backers included the Staffordshire and Derbyshire county councils.

## Losing the way on a rolling Saxon shore

The maintenance of some of Britain's rights of way leaves much to be desired as John Young discovered when he negotiated the Saxon Shore Way

THE woman in the tourist office at Rye, east Sussex, was perhaps more accustomed to visitors lingering among the cinque port's shops and restaurants than asking how to leave the town, but she was able to sell us an Ordnance Survey map and to direct us to the spot just over the Rother where the Saxon Shore Way begins its winding progress across the edge of Romney Marsh.

Our mission was prompted by reports that the path was difficult to negotiate and blocked in places. Certainly the first quarter of a mile was not encouraging.

The path runs between the river and a row of houses and is heavily overgrown, enough to persuade the inexperienced walker that the signpost on the main road must have been pointing in the wrong direction. It soon came to an apparent halt at a railway bridge.

A mile or so further on, at Scots Float lock, an all but illegible sign pointed to the

centre of the river and an iron fence surmounted by barbed wire. Taking a detour round the edge of a field of stubble, we came to a ramp bearing a warning by the National Rivers Authority that it was not a public slipway.

After about another mile a disused lock marks the junction with the Royal Military Canal. A paved bridlepath follows the river westwards, but the Saxon Shore Way itself disappears, emerging at an unmarked point further up the road, from where it crosses a couple of fields and up a shallow escarpment leading to the village of Stone-in-Oxney.

It was not exactly an arduous journey, but the first stretch is enough to deter anyone, and the signposting is inadequate. East Sussex county council, which is responsible for maintaining rights of way, said that it would investigate. "We take our statutory duties very seriously," an official said.

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## Long wait for view of asteroid

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first close-up pictures of an asteroid should be taken tomorrow evening by the Galileo spacecraft as it heads for Jupiter, but scientists may have to wait a year before they see them.

The spacecraft has been aimed to pass within about 1,000 miles of the asteroid Gaspra, a piece of irregularly shaped rock 11 miles long by about seven miles wide. As it passes, Galileo will take 150 photographs.

However, the pictures cannot be broadcast back to Earth immediately because Galileo's main radio antenna has failed to open fully. They will be stored on tape and if efforts to free the antenna fail, they will be sent by a less powerful aerial when Galileo is next near Earth, in November 1992.

## 250 seal pups die in storms

By KERRY GILL

THE worst natural disaster to strike the grey seal population in living memory has resulted in several hundred pups dying on beaches in the Shetland Islands because of recent storms, said to be among the fiercest in 20 years.

The Nature Conservancy Council said yesterday that the toll could have been even higher had it not been for a rescue operation by conservationists, helped by the public and local companies. There are about 3,500 grey seals in the islands and they give birth to some 500 pups each season.

The latest estimate is that more than half the pups have died.

Eileen Stuart, the council's scientific officer, said that the disaster would not have a long term effect, because of the number of grey seals and their annual reproduction rate.



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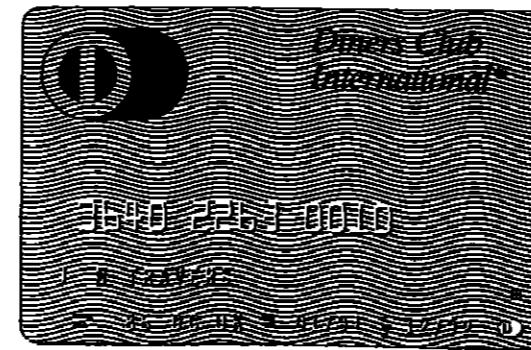
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## Tighter controls on fish farming sought

STRICTER controls must be imposed on the burgeoning fish farming industry if the marine environment around Britain is to be adequately protected, according to the World Wide Fund for Nature (Kerry Gill writes).

Fish farming, which has expanded in the last decade into a multi-million pound industry mainly on the north and west coasts of Scotland, is responsible for the release of nutrients and toxic chemicals, a report produced for the fund says.

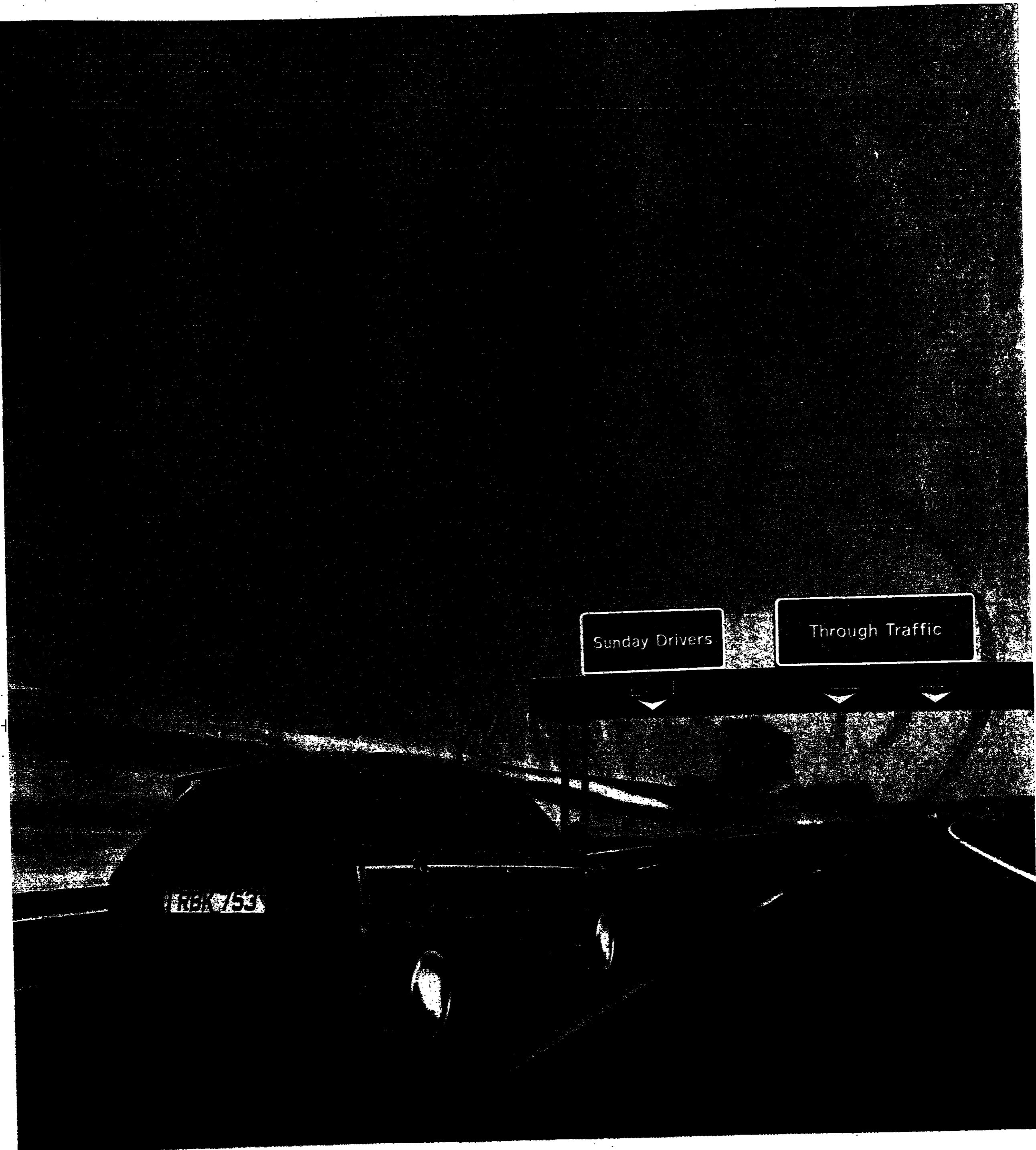
Simon Pepper, the fund's Scottish officer, said: "The impact of thousands of tonnes of nutrients pumped into our lochs every year,

plus the inadequate control of highly toxic chemicals used to treat fish disease, is having an adverse effect on marine life."

Mr Pepper added: "Research, monitoring and regulation of these practices is at present hopelessly inadequate. The coastal waters are an immensely rich and valuable resource. We must integrate fish farming practices and development issues with full regard for the environment."

The report calls for a national policy that would bring all fish farms under planning controls. The effects on the environment should be monitored immediately.

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Building up to Maastricht: the British role in a shifting pattern of alliances

## London-Bonn talks will decide fate of union treaties

WITH only six weeks remaining until the Maastricht summit, Britain is beginning to reveal to its European Community partners where it has drawn the line on concessions the government is willing to make to reach agreement.

British officials are expecting tough negotiations and insist that they want a treaty to be signed at the summit, but many are privately conceding that only a draft outline may now be possible.

Germany is now seen in London as key to any breakthrough. Not only does Germany carry the greatest weight, especially on economic and monetary union, but German positions on most of the unresolved issues are unclear, at least to Britain.

Although outwardly maintaining the most firmly federal line on many issues, Germany appears less ready than France to submit European foreign and defence policies to majority vote. At the same time Germany is now among the most vocal critics of what it sees as British intransigence.

The series of top-level talks in Bonn this week, culminating in a summit between John Major and Helmut Kohl on Friday, will therefore be crucial.

Both men, who respect each other but whose friendship has cooled as disappointment has replaced Bonn's earlier hopes of a more compliant British attitude, know that in the shifting pattern of alliances among the Twelve on various issues, the extent to which London and Bonn can find common ground will determine the fate of the two treaties on political and economic and monetary union.

Some of the pessimism now abroad reflects the despair of the officials working on the treaty text who think that the number of disagreements is just too high to demolish by December 9.

No deal has been reached on the following points: Should the EC form a community-wide immigration policy? 11 states think so, Bri-

As the haggling gets under way Michael Binion and George Brock examine the task facing the prime minister

tain does not. Will any future EC defence policy tread on Nato's territory or not?

Can qualified majority voting be used anywhere in framing joint foreign policies? Nine members say yes, but Britain is opposed.

Will frontiers and cross-border crime be dealt with by EC powers or by a separate system?

Should the European parliament have either veto powers or joint powers to make EC laws with governments? Britain is strongly in favour of EC social law.

How far is qualified majority voting to be used to settle EC law? Agreements are still being reached, but mostly on secondary issues.

Last week Britain won a majority for keeping research and development funds almost entirely out of EC hands. The group of countries led by Britain, Germany and the Netherlands are confident that proposals for a protectionist and subsidy-driven "industrial policy" will be dropped.

The union treaty has been written on German terms: France has failed to turn Enu into a straightjacket for the newly-enlarged Germany.

France and its ally in the EC commission, M Jacques Delors, have now fastened onto the issue of majority voting in foreign policy as the litmus test of whether the EC is taking a step towards real federal union or not. Chancellor

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Kohl reluctantly backs them. Mr Major and Mr Hurd are implacably opposed to majority voting, a position which has only been hardened by Mr Hurd's experiences in the foreign ministers' council as it has wrestled with the Yugoslav civil war.

Britain's aim over the next six weeks will be to find as many allies as possible on the various issues. Whitehall is confident it does not stand alone on any unresolved item, except perhaps social policy, including labour legislation, where the other 11 cannot accept Britain's insistence on preventing the Community having a say.

One British negotiator, explaining the tactic, remarked: "In the Community today we don't have permanent alliances; we make them subject by subject with underlying warmth to all."

Mr Hurd is publishing joint statements with traditionally federalist Italy and planning joint Baltic embassies with Germany, both moves disconcerting France. The old *directoire* of France and Germany, which has run the EC for 35 years, is on its way to becoming a triumvirate.

Whether the Franco-German pair truly becomes a Franco-German-British troika is up to Chancellor Kohl. He protected Mr Major from his enemies at the community's summit in the summer, but that was only a rehearsal for Maastricht. Will he do the same come December?

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## Hurd says UK will not sign currency pledge

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, made plain yesterday that Britain would not sign a draft declaration to be unveiled by the Dutch government committing European Community countries eventually to join a single currency.

The declaration will not have legal force and is planned to stand alongside the new treaty on monetary union to be considered at the Maastricht summit.

The foreign secretary swiftly ruled out the possibility of Britain signing when he told *The World This Weekend* on BBC Radio 4: "We are not going to commit Britain to joining a system called stage three with a single bank and single currency. We are not going to make that commitment."

Mr Hurd used his interview to voice hopes of a deal at Maastricht and to play down the extent of the decisions to be made there. He said: "We will not reach an agreement at Maastricht on the final shape of Europe. That will probably be for our children. What we have to try to decide is whether there is enough common ground for a further worthwhile step forward. I think there is."

Mr Hurd played down suggestions that another summit might be called after Maastricht if agreement were not possible there. He said: "We cannot rule it out, but it is not our aim. It is not desirable. It would be much better to deal with this in an orderly way during the Dutch presidency of the Community and get on with the next stages in the Community."

There was no advantage in delay. The EC had much on its plate next year.

including much-needed changes in the agricultural policy and applications by potential members to join.

"We should get this particular negotiation out of the way before the end of the year, at Maastricht if we can," Mr Hurd said.

Mr Hurd again expressed disappointment at some things done and said by the European Commission. Some of them had made the negotiations more difficult and were not prudent, he said. "We do not think it is sensible to have a commission that constantly seeking to insert itself into the crannies of everyday life," he said.

Mr Hurd said that in the next six weeks "we will be working very hard to try to reach agreement and to try to bridge the gaps which remain".

The foreign secretary defended his description made in an interview with the German news weekly *Der Spiegel*, published today, of Jacques Delors, the EC commission president, as a "centraliser". Mr Hurd added: "I said he was highly honourable and intelligent, but that his ideas about the final goal in Europe were different from those of most people in this country."

Mr Hurd said there could be circumstances in which agreement would not be reached — "circumstances in which people press federalist ideas which the prime minister won't simply be able to recommend to the cabinet and Commons".

Mr Hurd tells *Der Spiegel* that he opposes any European defence policy duplicating or weakening Nato.

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## Building up to Maastricht: Europe's perspective

# Kohl seeks to sell vision of unity

The German chancellor will be taking a conciliatory tone with John Major in trying to win over Britain to his concept of a new Europe, Ian Murray writes from Bonn

**H**elmut Kohl, the German chancellor, returns from an away-from-it-all trip to Chile and Brazil today to prepare to convert John Major to his concept of a united Europe.

With time running out for more junior negotiators to reach the important compromises needed if the Maastricht European Community summit is to succeed, Herr Kohl believes his meeting with the prime minister later this week will provide the best, perhaps the last, chance for ensuring EC agreement in December.

German spokesmen have been vying with the British in issuing firm warnings about how determined Bonn is not to compromise at the summit. But the signs are that Herr Kohl will be in conciliatory mood.

He is even prepared to see negotiations over political and economic union drag on into early next year rather than risk Britain torpedoing any agreement by using its veto at Maastricht. The reason is that the two main German threats hold no terrors for Mr Major.

One threat is that Britain will be isolated — a pre-election position in which Mr

Major might for once be happy to wrap himself in the mantle of Margaret Thatcher. The other is that if he is not satisfied by a proposed treaty on political union, Germany will refuse to sign the treaty on economic union. Since Britain is in no rush to do either, the German veto would not worry Mr Major.

During their talks in Bonn on Friday, therefore, the two leaders are likely to identify the many areas in which there is agreement already in order to minimise the importance of the very real differences which remain. Agreement on an economic union treaty is now seen as there for the taking. In their different ways both countries have now accepted the idea of a European defence identity and Western European Union ministers, meeting in Bonn tomorrow, are likely to endorse this.

Differences are greatest over political union, where the chancellor notably wants a treaty granting more powers to the European parliament and majority voting on foreign policy issues. Even there, however, the seeds of compromise

are planted, with Britain ready to see the parliament given authority over anything which is of exclusive EC responsibility and keen to increase the scope of political co-operation.

Herr Kohl, whose Christian Democratic Union has a new co-operation pact with the Conservatives, already understands the domestic political reasons why Mr Major should not be pushed too far. Given a clear understanding that Britain is not going to obstruct Europe's integration for much longer, there is every chance that Friday's meeting will end amicably even without a commitment to agree

ment at the next summit.

Herr Kohl nevertheless believes that decisions on the shape of political union cannot be delayed much longer. Last week's trade agreement between the EC and European Free Trade Association is seen as adding urgency to the negotiations since it brings the enlargement of the community much nearer. There is no doubt in Bonn that negotiations on political and economic union among the Twelve have proved almost

impossible and that the difficulties will multiply with every new entrant.

The chancellor also sees the creation of political union as a personal crusade. His generation in Germany remembers enough of the consequences of war to believe that federalism is the best antidote to nationalism. He fears that rising nationalism, not only in his own country, will make it less and less easy to build institutional structures capable of uniting Europe. He argues that if Britain is not careful, Germany could turn in on itself again.

Mr Major is bound to disillusion him in this hope. However far he may be prepared to go down the path of political union, Mr Major will not accept that a sovereign nation's constitution can be subversive to a treaty on European union. Herr Kohl finds no such difficulty and believes that, ultimately, only a common European policy on issues such as defence and immigration can succeed.

While the German relationship with France remains for him, the essential foundation for the community, the membership of Britain gives Europe credibility in the rest of the world. He was delighted and relieved when Mr Major promised in Bonn in May that Britain was "in the heart of Europe".

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## Britain digs in over right of entry

From GEORGE BROCK  
IN BRUSSELS

**A DEADLOCK** between Britain and Germany over whether the European Community should control immigration to all its member states will top the agenda at talks this week between John Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor.

The leaders will discuss the issue in the negotiations over the EC's monetary and political union, due to be completed at the Maastricht summit. The list of remaining disagreements across the EC, and between Britain and Germany, is a long one but Britain now finds itself in a one to 11 minority over who controls immigration policy. "Of all the difficult points between London and Bonn at Maastricht, I think that immigration is going to be the sticking point," a British official said.

Officials negotiating the text of the political union treaty spent several days in the past fortnight debating immigration, crime and frontier controls but reached few agreements. Eleven governments, led by Germany, have made clear that at least immigration and asylum should be handled by Brussels. Immigration is swiftly becoming the most volatile and potent political issue across Western Europe, with anti-immigrant parties surging in both France and Germany. Germany is handling some 80 per cent of Europe's asylum requests. Herr Kohl served notice at the June summit that he wanted the EC to take decisions on frontiers at Maastricht.

At the treaty conference last Friday, German delegates outlined a plan to put the EC in charge of a new system linking national police forces, which could eventually become a European police force. The two-stage German plan calls for an EC-wide intelligence centre modelled on Interpol and nicknamed "Europol". Later, EC governments would hand some policing powers to



National affront: a protestor in Paris carrying a placard denouncing racism as an insult to France, highlights the fears of immigrants to Europe

what German sources coyly call a "European police institution."

Britain opposed the plan and insists that these sensitive subjects be dealt with inside a special system separated from central EC institutions where

the powers would remain with national governments. Ministers are fearful that British immigration law may become subject to the EC's court of justice. Most EC governments think that the EC's policy-making commission and court

should be the "pillars" of the new EC system on crime and frontiers. British ministers see the case for trans-European co-operation on drug smuggling, terrorism, fraud and illegal immigration but without ceding powers to Brussels.

STRASBOURG NOTEBOOK by Tom Walker

## Queen has tough act to follow before MEPs

**W**hen the Queen visits the European parliament next summer it is doubtful that she will be able to match the rhetoric of King Hussein of Jordan, who was recently in Strasbourg. Seasoned observers of royal speeches to the parliament say it is many years since such language was heard.

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on our planet earth ... And so it went on.

Sniping among MEPs over the Queen's visit continues. Glyn Ford (Greater Manchester East, Labour), the leader of the Labour group within the parliamentary Socialist party, claims the Conservatives will use her visit as a "fig leaf" to hide their own differences to Europe.

The Queen, the last European head of state to visit the parliament, will probably do so in July when Britain will hold the European presidency. Whether Britain, and the Queen, will preside over moves toward a single currency or a European army is another matter. With enlargement of the

community on everyone's minds in the wake of the opening up of Eastern Europe and the community's deal with Efta, the European Free Trade Association, parliamentarians have been considering the ramifications of MEPs of perhaps 30 nationalities descending on Strasbourg instead of the present 12.

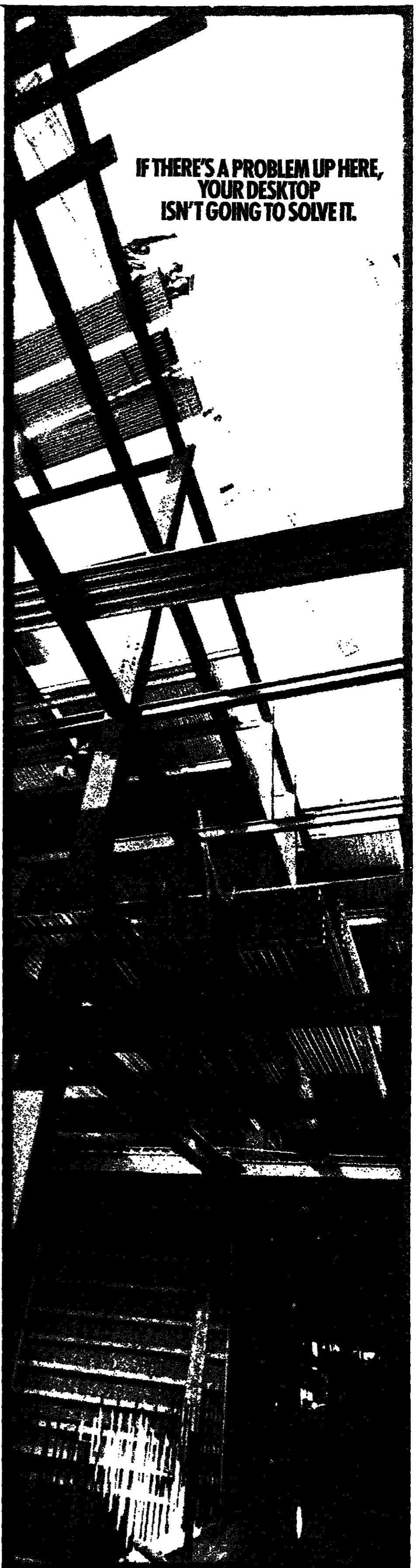
Attendance at parliamentary sessions is meant to be noted by the parliament's ushers, who sign members in. The ushers are part of the 3,600 bureaucrats who keep the parliament building ticking over.

One thing evident is that most of these jobs are considered jobs for life; indeed, only one parliament-

ary bureaucrat has ever been fired, an usher who was persistently drunk on duty. Others caught misbehaving are generally shifted into other areas in the warren-like building.

One interesting job is the rotating shift guarding the escalator leading from the press rooms on the ground floor up to the members bar and debating chamber on the first floor. For as long as anyone can remember, parliamentary staff have sat at a desk guarding the escalator, checking the identity of all getting over.

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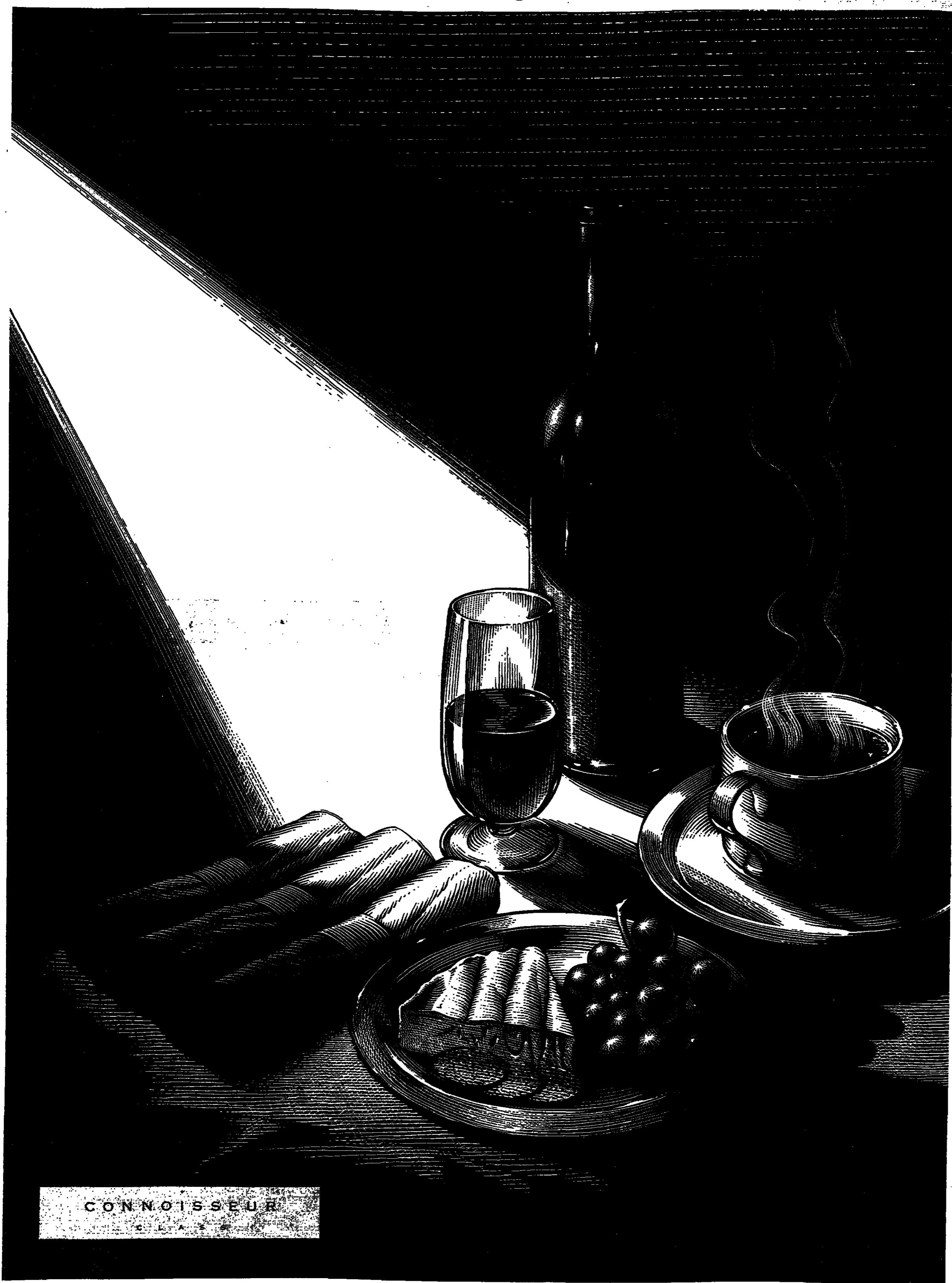
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## Army brushes aside defence chief's pledge to lift siege of Dubrovnik

## EC monitors are stranded

From TIM JUDAH IN KORCULA

THE Yugoslav military sailor was reported to have authorities yesterday went back on their promise — made late on Friday — to lift the blockade of the besieged Adriatic port of Dubrovnik. A brief truce was shattered as the Yugoslav army launched an artillery barrage against the historic city. Croatian forces continued to hold out against the odds, rejecting an ultimatum to surrender.

Croatian television said artillery and heavy machine guns were being used by the federal army. The European Community, in a statement issued in The Hague, condemned the renewed attack on Dubrovnik and issued its strongest criticism to date of the Yugoslav army. "Ceasefire agreements have been violated by all parties, but recent federal army attacks are out of all proportion to any non-compliance by Croatia," said the statement said.

The Balkanica, a ferry boat heading towards Dubrovnik with an EC ceasefire monitoring group on board, was told that if it proceeded the navy "could not guarantee its safe passage." This left the EC team stranded on the island of Korcula, 50 miles to the northwest. "Despite any announcements, the blockade has not been lifted," a port official on Korcula said.

On Saturday the Slavia, the sister ship of the Balkanica, was fired upon as it approached Dubrovnik and one

**'Rebirth' comes to red remnant**

From MARY DEIEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW seethed with activity this weekend as former communists of every hue tried to find a way to survive the political winter ahead.

Bright young things and tired idealists assembled in a dilapidated high-rise block to hanker after "pure marxism". They formed the "Rebirth" party and want to halt the retreat of socialism. Their well-worn theme was that socialism is fine so long as it is done properly, but that no one in Russia had ever tried.

A 15-minute drive away, in a carpeted cinema centre, Aleksandr Rutskoi, vice-president to Boris Yeltsin, and an ex-fighter pilot, was advocating a curious mixture of cautious politics and currency reform. Here, among caviar sandwiches and closed-circuit televisions, were the Russian Communists for Democracy, henceforward the People's Party for Free Russia.

The combination of dark suits and ill-fitting brown ones, and the predominance of middle-aged men made pretty clear that this was the refuge of the apparatus. Delegates were entertained with video-ed speeches by provincial leaders. "Not everyone in our country," they droned, "favours radical reform; they counsel caution."

The reference to communists in the former title was a political liability, so it was changed. But the party's spokesman said, many wanted "something closer to the social

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## Gorbachev predicts socialist renewal

From CHARLES BRENNER IN NEW YORK

THE Soviet people will one day return to socialism, President Gorbachev predicts in a new memoir in which he agonises over his failure to avert the August coup and points to dangers which he says his country faces from hardliners and anti-communists.

"I am convinced that the discredit of socialism is a passing phase," Mr Gorbachev says in *The August Coup*, a 74-page book written after the failure of the attempt to topple him. In excerpts published in Europe and New York yesterday, Mr Gorbachev clings to his belief in the goals of the Bolshevik revolution, an event now widely derided in the Soviet Union as an undemocratic power-grab that led to disaster. The country's troubles stemmed not from the 1917 revolution, he writes, but from the forcible introduction of the Stalinist model of society. One must not confuse the two things ... I am a confirmed supporter of the idea of socialism," he adds.

But he takes full blame for ignoring warnings when he surrounded himself with hardliners a year ago. He should have moved faster to dismantle the old structure of power wielded by the Communist party and the KGB, he says. "What took place was a very painful lesson for me personally," he adds.

## Neo-nazi brawl

Erfurt — Neo-nazis and anarchists brawled in the streets of two east German towns, causing serious damage to property. Police who intervened to stop the clashes in Arnstadt and Marlishausen were attacked by both sides.



Tears of relief: a Dubrovnik woman and her daughter cry as they leave an EC monitoring team's boat in Cavtat

desisting from its goals regardless of the fact that the defence minister, Veljko Kadjevic, ordered a ceasefire in Dubrovnik. We reject this ultimatum."

While news filtering out of Dubrovnik suggested that the weekend had passed relatively peacefully, reports coming from other fronts, particularly

eastern Croatia, said that there had been no slackening of the violence. On Friday, Lord Carrington, the chairman of the EC peace conference on Yugoslavia, condemned General Kadjevic for persevering in the siege of the ancient town which he said had no strategic significance. Brushing aside this criticism General

Kadjevic has now suggested that Serbs living in Dubrovnik could be taken hostage by the Croats, a statement seen as an ominous development in Croatia because it could be interpreted as a preparation for a final attack on the city.

Ever since the siege of Dubrovnik began almost a month ago, it has had no

electricity, running water, or fresh food and its famous old city has been damaged by shelling. Its defences are extremely weak and its population lives in terror of army repression.

A port official in Korcula said the Slavia had already picked up the refugees and was heading for Montenegro.

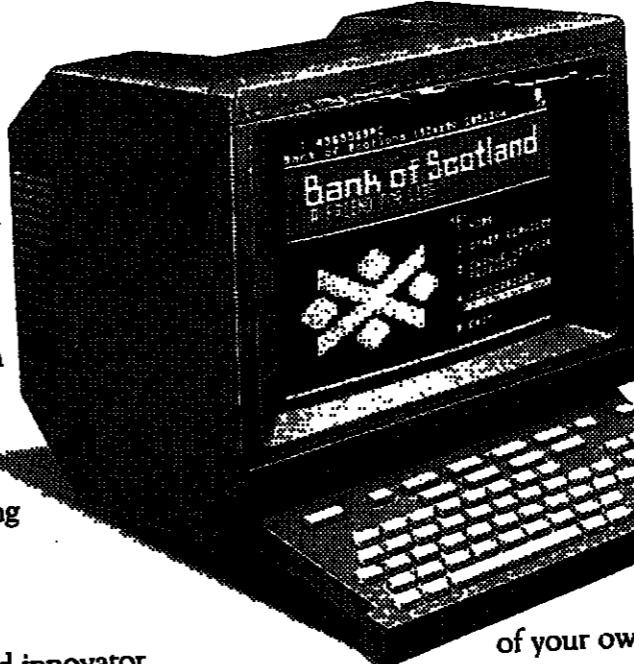
## Polish priests call on voters to reject left

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

European countries to hold fully free elections. There is little doubt that the former communists will lose most of their seats. But the danger of the papal advice became clear yesterday as Poles walked to the polling stations. Posters put up by the former communists as well as those of the Democratic Union of Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a former prime minister, had been defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti and Star of David symbols. The Democratic Union combines elements of social and Christian democracy and has resisted a ban on abortion. That is enough for many right-wingers to brand the party "unchristian".

The Democratic Union is tipped to win between 19 and 25 per cent of the vote, making it the largest single party of the 116 in the elections, in which an average of 15 parties is contesting each seat. It will none the less have to search for coalition partners. Both the church and, it seems, Mr Walesa are nervous that a Democratic Union-led coalition government will lurch to the left. Hence the church's attempts to boost the chances of the smaller right-wing Christian parties. Two weeks ago church leaders tried to persuade the 14 small Catholic parties to adopt a common platform. But they could not bridge the differences between those who had co-operated with the former communist regime and those who strongly opposed communism.

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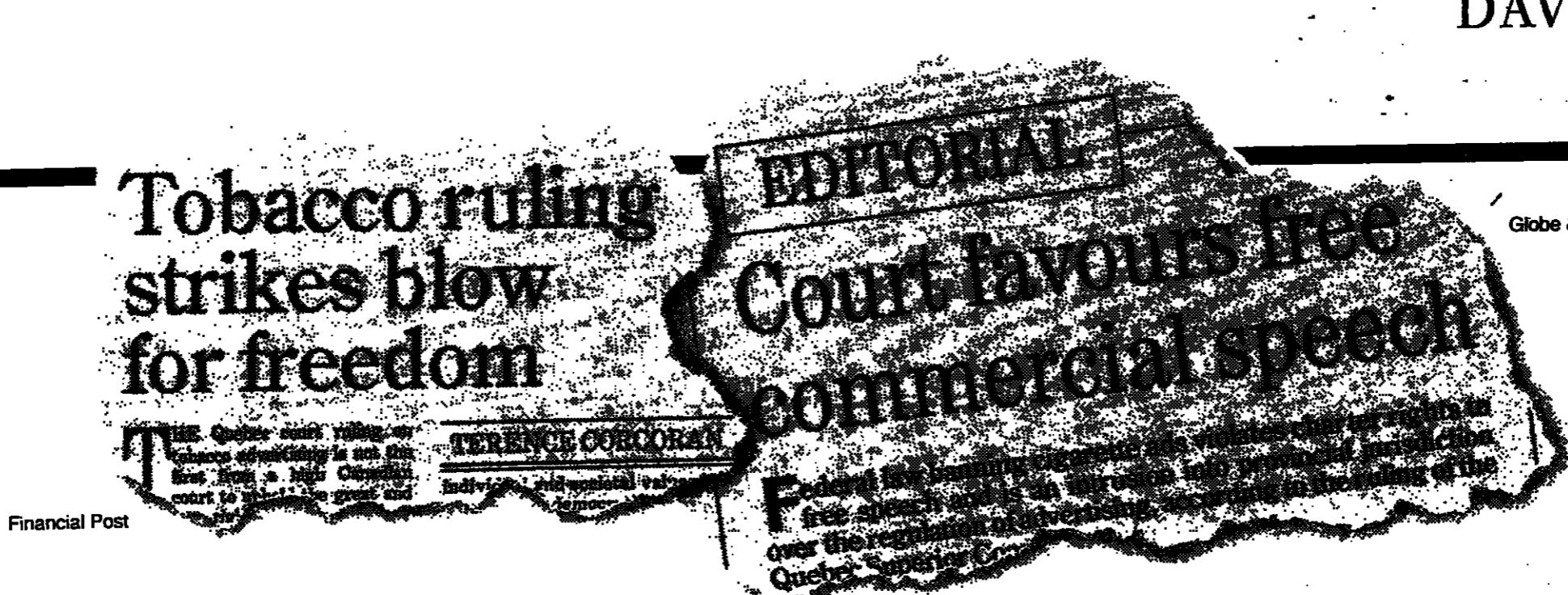
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## Shamir ready to walk out of talks over role of PLO

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

**YITZHAK** Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday said that Israel could still walk out of the Middle East peace conference this week in Madrid if Palestinian delegates pledged their allegiance to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The Israeli leader was commenting on remarks made last week by one of the Palestinian delegates, Saeb Erekat, who said that the 14-man delegation drawn from the occupied territories was chosen by the banned organisation, which has been excluded from direct

### Call to lift Libya sanctions

**ALGIERS** — France, Italy, Spain and Portugal joined five North African countries in urging the European Community to end sanctions imposed on Libya for sponsoring terrorism.

A joint declaration issued after two days of talks here demanded that the sanctions, adopted by the EC in 1986, be dropped as Middle East tensions ease and Europe tries to improve its links with North Africa. The meeting brought together the foreign ministers of the four EC members and those of the Arab Maghreb Union: Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritania.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said the sanctions enforced against the Gadaffi regime after a series of terrorist acts had run their course. (AP)

### Arab go-ahead

**RIYADH** — Arab Gulf leaders have agreed to attend multi-lateral talks with Israel, planned to start on November 12, to discuss such regional issues as water resources, economic co-operation and arms control. A meeting here of Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers did not set out any pre-conditions. (AP)

### War job toll

**ABU DHABI** — Up to 35,000 Filipinos lost their jobs in Kuwait and Iraq because of the Gulf war but 10,000 have returned to the emirate, said Fortunato de Obena, the Philippines' ambassador in Abu Dhabi. The Gulf has become a vital labour market for the unemployed of the Philippines. (AP)

### Anderson party

**BEIRUT** — Staff members at the Beirut offices of The Associated Press were joined by 30 local and foreign journalists to mark the 44th birthday of the American hostage, Terry Anderson, the news agency's chief Middle East correspondent, who was abducted in March 1985. (AP)

## The tale of two media machines

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

NOTHING better illustrates the gap in attitudes between Israel and the Arabs that this week's Madrid conference will have to bridge than the way news is treated.

In Israel, foreign journalists are deluged with information, official and otherwise, at the government press office. The government also runs a computerised system which relays reports to correspondents' homes. Free translations of Hebrew papers are turned out at speed. Israel's press itself is highly competitive, hindered only by military censorship, which is imposed particularly harshly on the Arab media in east Jerusalem.

By contrast, in the Arab world there is no centre for foreign news coverage. Lebanon is thought too dangerous by most news organisations. Egypt too is uncomfortable and Jordan too restrictive, with the result that the regional headquarters of Reuters, The Associated Press and the BBC are in non-Arab Cyprus.

Although official military censorship is rare, reporting is limited by restrictions on visas, expulsions, lack of genuine public debate and

## King's horses join all the presidents' security men

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

**OPERATION** Pax, the military-style plan to protect this week's Middle East peace conference after threats from Arab and Jewish extremists, moved into action yesterday as delegates began to arrive in the Spanish capital.

More than 12,000 police and paramilitary civil guards, assisted by the secret services of five countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union, are involved in the operation which officials say is the biggest ever mounted. Madrid hospitals have collected extra supplies of blood of the groups belonging to leading negotiators.

Security fears include the maze of underground passages at the royal palace, where the conference is to be held, which were once used by kings to slip out for assignations with women. Only two years ago, students showed how easy it was to gain access via the underground routes. As delegates discussed the all-important issue of the shape of the conference table inside the Versailles-style 18th-century palace in the city centre, armoured personnel carriers took position on pavements and marksmen in olive-



Mounting protection: Spanish civil guards patrol outside Madrid's royal palace, the venue of the Middle East talks beginning on Wednesday

green flak jackets lined every approach. The usual complement of beggars who operate in the area were removed. The radical Iranian daily, *Jomhuri Islami*,

said that retaliation against Spain for hosting the talks was "not a threat, but the expression of reality".

Supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the assassinated

Jewish militant, said they would travel to Madrid to "blow up" the talks. Western experts said they feared ETA guerrillas, fighting for an independent Basque home-

land, would use the presence of 4,500 journalists as an excuse to stage something spectacular. The day before Madrid was announced as the venue, ETA exploded

three bombs there killing one person. "Many of us are expecting something to happen but we do not know what," said a civil guardsman.

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# Mobutu refuses to share power as Europeans flee Zaire

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND SAM KILEY

WITH bombings continuing and the evacuation of Europeans from Zaire gathering pace, President Mobutu last weekend accused the West of "wanting my head at any price" and insisted on staying in office without sharing power with the opposition.

According to a statement released in The Hague by The Netherlands, current holders of the European Community presidency, EC ambassadors in Kinshasha, the capital, met Marshal Mobutu and warned

him of "serious diplomatic, political and economic consequences" at both bilateral and community level unless a representative government was installed.

Violence and instability are increasing in Zaire. An explosion yesterday destroyed the offices and presses of *Elima*, the main opposition newspaper and the government's harshest critic. A crowd outside blamed forces loyal to the president for the blast.

Marshal Mobutu told for-

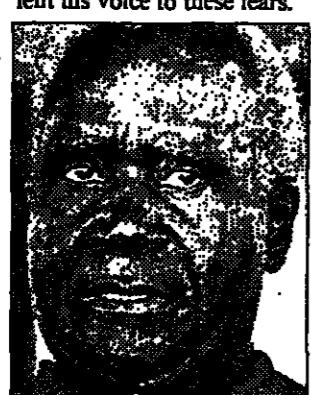
## Poll observers rebuke Kaunda

From SAM KILEY IN LUSAKA

FOUR days before Zambians go to the polls in the first free presidential elections in 27 years, the Commonwealth group invited to monitor voting issued a strong rebuke yesterday to President Kaunda's United National Independence Party over allegations that the group was behind an "imperialist plot" to remove Dr Kaunda and install a puppet regime.

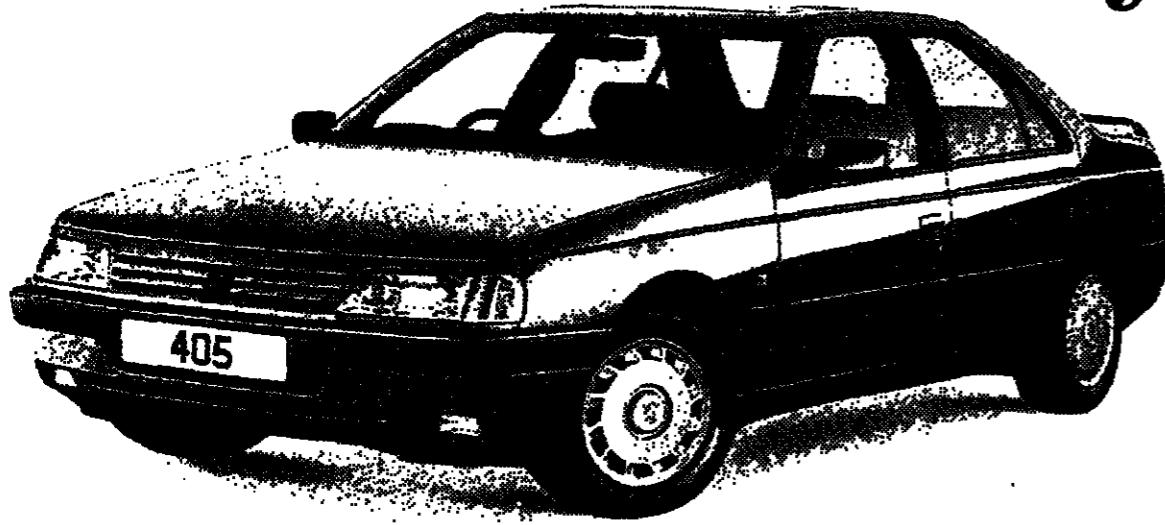
After the Commonwealth summit in neighbouring Zimbabwe — when all leaders present, including President Kaunda, agreed to commit themselves to open and accountable government — it was hoped that the Commonwealth team would be well received. But in what observers believe is an attempt to destabilise the election process, the party has repeatedly published an advertisement in the pro-government *Times of Zambia*, stating that "observer groups are in actual fact not election monitors, their assignment is to facilitate the removal of the UNIP government and replace it with a puppet one".

After asking privately that the advertisement be withdrawn over the weekend, Telford Georges, the chairman of the 13-member Commonwealth team and a former Chief Justice of Tanzania, Zimbabwe and the Bahamas, yesterday wrote to



Kaunda: likely to lose power in free elections

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## Skilled debater to lead Japan

From JOANNA PITTMAN  
IN TOKYO

KIICHI Miyazawa, who was yesterday elected president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party and will be sworn in as prime minister on November 5, is one of the last bureaucrats-turned-politicians still active who played a key role in the national transformation from postwar ruin to economic superpower.

The outcome of the vote was assured more than two weeks ago when the Takaichi faction, the party's largest, promised its support. Mr Miyazawa finished the race streets ahead of his opponents, Michio Watanabe, and Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, both former ministers. The two gamely battled on, although both conceded defeat several days ago, confronted with impossible odds.

Mr Miyazawa's wealth of ministerial experience — he has been minister of finance, foreign affairs and international trade and industry — and his intellect and fluency in English are expected to allow Japan to become more assertive on international issues. His relatively inexperienced predecessor, Toshiki Kaifu, was chosen as party leader in the aftermath of the Recruit bribery scandal when low-ranking but clean politicians were pushed forward to rescue the party's electoral standing.

Mr Miyazawa graduated from the law faculty of Tokyo University, long the breeding ground of Japan's political and bureaucratic elite, and joined the finance ministry before following in his father's footsteps to become a politician. He has a reputation, rare in Japanese politics, as a skilled debater, and even took on Henry Kissinger in English and survived.

But Mr Miyazawa may be less suited to the Liberal Democrat factional manipulation that has been any Japanese prime minister's chief task. His weakness in that byzantine world of power politics is that his fine intellect and linguistic abilities are often taken as



Winning smile: Kiichi Miyazawa yesterday after he was elected president of Japan's ruling party

arrogance; his less qualified colleagues tend to see him as an intellectual snob. In a recent interview with the foreign press, he apparently succumbed to domestic pressure when he declined to speak in English.

As for public popularity,

Mr Miyazawa has a tough act to follow. Mr Kaifu fulfilled his designated role of reversing the decline in support for the scandal-ridden ruling party. From less than 35 per cent, support for the party has leapt as high as 56 per cent. Mr Kaifu has been rated Japan's most popular postwar prime minister in large part because of his image as the party's Mr Clean. Mr Mi-

yazawa, with an unfortunate history of direct involvement in the Recruit bribery scandal, will be working hard to maintain this record level of public support.

However, having enjoyed power for 36 years and with no credible opposition threat in sight, the Liberal Democrats are unlikely to be budged by a slight drop in their poll ratings. Few expect many surprises from the conservative Mr Miyazawa, aged 72, who is aware he owes his election almost entirely to his faction colleagues. They are not expected to let him stray too far out of line.

## Blacks step up bid for power

From GAVIN BELL  
IN DURBAN

LEADERS of South Africa's black majority have redoubled their bid for power by effectively demanding the right to draft the country's post-apartheid constitution on their own. "We have decided to act like fingers that can act independently, but can also form a fist. We are going to give [President] de Klerk and his government a heavy knock," Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary-general of the African National Congress, said after a conference here of black groups opposed to apartheid.

Rejecting Mr de Klerk's government as illegitimate and discredited, the groups are insisting on general elections for a constituent assembly and the creation of an interim, multiracial government to supervise the transition process. A declaration by the front — about 75 anti-apartheid organisations led by the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress — accused Pretoria of plotting to entrench (white) minority privileges by taking voter power over majority rule.

The front said it was imperative that the new constitution be drawn up by an assembly elected by universal suffrage and that an interim government should control the security forces and the electoral process and be in charge of the state-controlled media (television and radio) to prevent the ruling National party from manipulating the transition to democracy.

Waheer Sisulu, the ANC deputy president, said the three-day conference had signalled the defeat of Pretoria's tactics of divide and rule. "It has given birth to a powerful alliance capable of ensuring a speedy transfer of power to the people ... it is with the backing of this force that we will be facing the enemy in the negotiations."

• Cape Town: South African police are investigating reports that two right-wing activists due to stand trial for murder after bomb attacks last year have fled to Britain. Colonel Frank Alton said yesterday that reports that Henry Martin, who is British, and Adrian Maritz had fled were speculative, but could not be dismissed. (Reuters)

## Filipinos killed as typhoon strikes

Manila — Typhoon Ruth hit the northern Philippines yesterday, killing four people and triggering landslides which closed two main mountain roads, officials said.

The typhoon, with winds gusting up to 125mph, blew away the roofs of several houses and brought down power lines, casting Baguio, a mountain resort city of 280,000 people, into darkness. The dead included a woman and two children who were crushed when an uprooted tree smashed into their house in Baguio, 125 miles north of Manila, police said. Another woman was killed by a falling tree in a town plaza in Vigan.

Typhoon Ruth changed course and pounded Cagayan valley, Baguio and nearby provinces on the most populous island of Luzon. Authorities alerted towns around the volcanic Mount Pinatubo against possible mudflows. • The Hague: The Dutch government suspects Philippine communist guerrillas are using The Netherlands as a base to prepare attacks on American targets in Europe and the Philippines, the interior ministry said. The New People's Army, fighting for a Marxist state, has killed ten Americans since 1987 in a campaign to oust US forces from the Philippines. (Reuters)

### Dissident flees

Nairobi — Raila Odinga, the prominent Kenyan dissident detained three times without trial, has fled to Uganda, but has been refused political asylum there, the Kenyan government says. He is the son of Oginga Odinga, Kenya's former vice-president, and a strong critic of the one-party system. (Reuters)

### Niger high flier

Niamey — Niger's national conference on political reform chose Cheissa Amadou, aged 48, as prime minister as the West African nation moves towards multiparty democracy. Mr Amadou, regional representative of the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organisation, defeated 15 rivals. (Reuters)

### Umbrellas close

Tokyo — Christo, an off-beat artist, has closed his outdoor exhibit of huge umbrellas near Los Angeles after a young woman was killed when she was knocked down by a flying umbrella, an aide said here. A companion display near Tokyo, of 20ft umbrellas each weighing 440lb, was also closed. (Reuters)

### Barry enters jail

Petersburg, Virginia — Marion Barry, aged 55, Washington's flamboyant former mayor, has gone into a minimum-security prison without walls here to serve the six-month sentence he was given for possession of cocaine. Before leaving the capital he told supporters: "Jail's not the worst place to go." (Reuters)

### Tea-cup storm

Tokyo — Women in Japan's offices have had enough of making tea for male colleagues. A conference on the subject ended with a declaration that women would put an end to the tradition within five years. (AFP)

## Peking cites Soviet 'terror' to whip party members into line

From CATHERINE SAMSON IN PEKING

PEKING has accused President Gorbachev in two secret party documents of conducting a witch-hunt against communists. At the same time it has implicitly warned members of the Chinese Communist party that similar witch-hunts await them if they abandon socialism.

The documents, now being circulated among party members, reveal a deep concern in the hardline leadership that many Chinese say is echoed in the party's middle and lower ranks.

The papers appear to be a blunt attempt to retain the loyalty of the country's 50 million party members by appealing to their vested interests.

One document claims that

Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, have joined forces to carry out a "great purge" and a "white terror" — that is, a capitalist-style attack on communism, as opposed to a "red terror" in which communism attacks capitalism.

The document focuses on the recent changes in the Soviet Union and details the arrest of the hardline coup plotters as evidence of the witch-hunt.

The second document, analysing changes in Eastern Europe, makes equally alarming reading for Chinese party members, many of whom wonder what the future holds for them in the wake of the collapse of the world communist system. "The reactionary forces are getting more and more arrogant and

party members are undergoing all kinds of discrimination and persecution. The landlords and capitalists are beginning to settle accounts and take revenge," the second paper says.

In a tone of outrage, it describes how Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, was pursued and at one point reduced to living in a hostel; former Polish party official was forced to sell his family property and find temporary jobs to survive. Throughout Eastern Europe, party officials and military officers had been dismissed.

In private some Chinese party members say that, since the fall of the Soviet Communist party, a "crisis mentality" has pervaded their ranks.

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

## Silent minority fights family law

Lawyers involved in the potentially extremely lucrative lawsuits against the pop group, Milli Vanilli, have been accused of not acting on behalf of ordinary fans but mainly lawyers' children. An exposé in *The Wall Street Journal* alleges that out of the 49 fans named in the suits at least 41 involved children or others close to the lawyers and their families.

When Milli Vanilli faded from the headlines last year, the world may have thought it had heard the last from the pop duo who were exposed for faking their records, using the voices of other singers. But now they are back, defending themselves against multimillion-dollar law suits on behalf of their "victims". American teenagers who claim to have been devastated by the revelation that their German-based idols had taken them for a ride. The 26 suits filed in at least seven states are another glowing example of the fine way in which American law protects the

innocent from exploitation at the hands of the unscrupulous. That, at least, is how the teenagers' lawyers are explaining their suits. It is also being claimed that Rob and Fab, the two allegedly pseudo-singers and their company, Aristo Records, were part of an enterprise which broke federal "racketeering" laws that cover organised crime. The lawyers, who stand to make hundreds of thousands of dollars each, had used their own children or contacted friends with the idea of bringing suits.

At stake, of course, are the juicy winnings which lawyers can reap in the form of "contingency fees", usually between 20 and 30 per cent of damage awards. The lawyers found that the lawyers, who stand to make hundreds of thousands of dollars each, had used their own children or contacted friends with the idea of bringing suits.

Unusual queues have been forming outside police stations in San Francisco and St Louis for the past week. They include a motley sample of citizens, from sharpshooters, and violent criminals to grandmothers and

claimed the standard \$50 and \$10 grocery coupon for each. "This thing has gotten away from us. I never expected 5,000 guns in the first week," said Ron Henges, a St Louis businessman who helped sponsor the cash-for-guns programme.

The schemes, which are now being copied by other cities, are a sign of police frustration over the record rates of murder and violent crime now afflicting America. Gun amnesties without the financial incentive have not been successful. In St Louis, the money is coming in part from funds confiscated from drug dealers and the weapons are being melted down to make a statue to a nine-year-old boy who was used as a human shield in a recent shoot-out. But the powerful pro-gun lobby is ridiculing the schemes as a waste of time and money. "It's a joke," said Jim Siegle, a California gun-shop owner. "I'm sure they're getting junk guns that aren't working and are worth nothing."



schoolboys, all with one thing in common: they are carrying guns they want to get rid of.

In a scheme which has produced overwhelming results, police in those cities are offering between \$25 (£14.50) and \$50 for every firearm handed in, no questions asked. The lure of cash has been enough to bring in thousands of weapons, from ancient service revolvers to .44 Magnum and sawn-off shotguns. Some have been used for murder. In St Louis, they restricted the pay-out after one man brought in 100 firearms and

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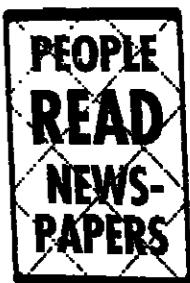
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## THEATRE

# Prima ballerina walks the boards

Natalia Makarova

is back in the West End, this time as an actress, says Debra Craine

Other dancers have made the leap from Terpsichorean to Thespian, yet none has enjoyed the kind of success Natalia Makarova achieved in her first stage outing: seven Best Actress awards, including a Tony and an Olivier. But the play was a musical, *On Your Toes*, and the role, which featured a lot of dancing, was a Russian ballerina — the part could have been made for her. It was more of a delicate dip into a warm pool than a dive into the unknown.

Now comes the real test: starring in a new production of *Tovarich*, Jacques D'eville's 1933 comedy about émigré White Russians living in Paris. Makarova plays the Grand Duchess Tatiana who, along with her similarly impoverished aristocrat husband (played by Robert Powell), is forced to become a servant in a bourgeois household. This time, aside from a brief mazurka with a glass of champagne, Makarova does not dance. The play, a Chichester production which transfers to the West End tomorrow, marks her debut as a straight actress and, she hopes, the beginning of a new career walking the boards.

Makarova has put away her dancing slippers after a 30-year career as one of the world's great prima ballerinas. In 1970 she fled from the Kirov Ballet during a visit to London and quickly established herself in the West as the leading ballerina of the decade. Audiences thrilled to her exquisite physical fluency, her sensitive musical phrasing and exceptional agility as a dance actress. But in 1989, her powers seemingly undiminished, she made her final appearance as a classical dancer, reunited with the Kirov in her home town of St Petersburg. As she is fond of saying, the circle was complete. "A

Makarova herself is a study in opposites. Only five feet tall and weighing 6ft 6, she is the less an imposing figure, a theatrical persona who dominates a room with her exotic beauty and the sheer force of her concentrated physical superiority.

Fuelled by cigarettes, red wine and vitamin pills, she is also an obsessively hard worker who drives herself to conquer all physical weakness. In 1982 a steel scenery rod came crashing down on her during a performance of *On Your Toes* at the Kennedy Center in Washington. It broke her shoulder blade lengthwise and left a large laceration on her head. Yet three months later she opened *On Your Toes* on Broadway.

For *Tovarich*, she spends much of the day getting ready for the evening's performance. Although she no longer dances, she continues to exercise as if she does, partly in an effort to overcome the accident's legacy of arthritis. The current challenge for Makarova is learning how to convey a character through words, rather than through dance, something which also requires hours of daily training.

"To get fluency and phrasing needs hard work," she says. "I'm still working on articulation, on deepening my voice level, projection of voice and fluency of speech. I do special vocal exercises every day which I combine with my ballet exercises, the kind of exercises they give students in acting college. The face, the lips, you have to exercise even the tongue."

Where she has the edge on other actors is in her ability to move on stage. "Dance has certainly helped me. I have acted all my life in ballet, I have interpreted characters and created them through body



Makarova moves from body language: 'It's nice to make people laugh, but it's even nicer to make people cry'

language, not language itself. If I create a character now it's not only by my voice but by my whole being. The special way a character will walk or turn her head, that's for other actresses difficult. But it's my privilege to have that freedom of movement on stage."

Still the voice is the primary means of expression for an actor and Makarova is well aware that her heavy Russian accent and lingering difficulty with the English language present a limitation

which has to be overcome if she is to succeed on the stage. "I don't need drama school — I need to study English. It's easier if I can create roles of women who are supposed to have foreign accents." Consequently she is thinking about Pirandello's *As You Desire Me*, and Chekhov would be a logical next step. Her next project, though, could only be done in Russia — Blanche Dubois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

What does she miss most about

ballet? "The music. That's why ballet is easier in a way; the music drives you, it dictates the mood and the speed. In theatre, you have to have your own music inside. Now, with *Tovarich*, I put on a tape recorder and listen to Mozart on the day of a performance to put me in the right mood. I still use music as inspiration. For Chekhov I would use Chopin. For *Streetcar*? Well I'm not into that one yet."

● *Tovarich* opens at the Piccadilly Theatre (071-867 1118) tomorrow.

FILM FESTIVAL: PORDENONE

## Cause for mute admiration

Geoff Brown enjoys a feast of silent classics in a small Italian town



Light touch: Lois Wilson and Conrad Nagel in William DeMille's hectic 1921 melodrama, *Midsummer Madness*

In film upon film, some innocent girl takes the blame for the sins of her "bettors": for hiding her mistress's lover in *The Heart of Nora Flynn* (1916), Nora almost loses both job and boyfriend. Cue for exasperated sighs from the modern audience.

This clash of moral expectations makes every DeMille melodrama fascinating, while his social comedies such as *Why Change Your Wife*, with Gloria Swanson, Dustin Farnum brandished his chest in *The Squaw Man* (1913), DeMille's first venture and the first feature made in Hollywood. Mary Pickford faced the Hun in *The Little American* (1917); Phyllis Haver, a former Mack Sennett Bathing Beauty, romped through *Chicago* (1927), a delicious version of the Roxie Hart yarn.

Visually, DeMille's early films show marked sophistication. Chiaroscuro lighting lends a special tension and lustre; the decor is shaped to the camera's needs, not paraded like a stage set. Yet, dramatically, DeMille remained a 19th century man, beloved of domestic tears, train wrecks and self-sacrifice.

DeMille was now the great showman, though *The Goddess Girl* (1929) — his last silent film — showed the old skills surging through.

Cecil was not the only DeMille at Pordenone: seven films by William, his elder brother, were also on view. The two looked alike: the same sharp nose and piercing eyes. There are shared themes, particularly a longing for the sparkle of romance. Yet the tone is different. Cecil, one guesses, could never have managed *Miss Lulu Bett* (1921), a sweet comedy about the liberation of a family drudge, or the droll touches of *Conrad In Quest of His Youth* (1920), with

Thomas Meighan as a returning soldier trying to turn back the clock.

Even when William ventures into melodrama, as in *Midsummer Madness* (1921), a hectic drama of friendship and infidelity, his touch remains light. Long overshadowed by his brother, William DeMille (he preferred not to capitalise his surname) deserves a place in the sun.

Not every rediscovery pays off. The silent comedian Lloyd Hamilton, a large, lumbering man with a wobbly walk, found few new fans. A hard core stayed for these two-reel knockabouts, but a lack of variety and personality sent most seats tipping upwards.

Relatively few stayed, too, for tributes to Belgian avant-garde film-makers. Here, they missed something: Charles Dekeukelaire, an extraordinary talent who ended his days in television documentary, but began in the 1920s as a fervent experimentalist. In *Impatience* (1929), rhythmic editing constantly juggles four groups of images for some 30 minutes. There is a motorcycle, a woman (sometimes naked), mountain scenery, three rectangular blocks. The woman would seem to be driving the bike, but little else makes narrative sense: you must succumb to these mad, jittery images, or succumb to impatience and leave.

As David Gill neatly expressed it, introducing the Thames Silents print of Frank Capra's *The Strong Man* on the last night, we leave Pordenone with mixed emotions: exhausted from seeing so many films and exhilarated because so many are good. But we are also ashamed, because we could never mount such a wonderful event at home.

CLASSICAL MUSIC: ALDEBURGH

## New key to a 20th century composer

Artistically and politically this has been the Year of Russia and it is appropriate that Aldeburgh's autumn festival, which ends today, should provide one of the most exciting contributions. The little Suffolk resort has promoted contemporary Russian music for more than 30 years, ever since the meeting of Britten, Shostakovich and Rostropovich at a Festival Hall concert.

The festival organisation's continuing support for the independent spirits of the Soviet Union has led to a coup: the acquisition as artists-in-residence of the Borodin Quartet, champion interpreters of Shostakovich and one of the half-dozen great string quartets of today. The quartet's participation in the current Britten-Shostakovich festival has turned it into a leading artistic event.

Now that Shostakovich has freed Shostakovich's music from the political dimension of its creation, how much of the change from the provocative idealist of the 1920s and early 1930s into the pessimistic classics of the 1940s and 1950s was due to the strain of his being both his country's greatest living composer and its most disgraced one?

The Borodins seem to have developed a new, objective

approach, which suggests that the classicist was always going to be the dominant partner. Their performance of the Ninth String Quartet, in particular, balanced the tortured darkness of the adagios and an overall sense of confident repose, yet they lost none of the fierceness and excitement of their earlier readings. The Piano Quintet, Op 57, with Ludmila Berlinsky, the cellist's daughter, at the piano, was magnificently Schubertian — the classical form exemplified.

Shostakovich's Symphony No 14, performed by the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Soloists under Nicholas Cleobury, confirmed the revisionist shift in his emphasis on the Mahlerian elements of this song cycle of meditations on death, though this may have been helped by the inspired intensity of soprano Vivian Tierney.

That these performances were the highlights of a festival that included Elisabeth Söderström singing the Seven Bells Romances and flamboyant playing of Britten and Shostakovich cello sonatas by Alexander Baillie, is evidence of its significance in the reshaping of our view of 20th century music.

JOHN WHITLEY

## BRIEFING

## Stars of the East

THE experiment of getting a Japanese director to direct a British cast in a modern Japanese play did not end with Saturday's closure of Kunio Shimizu's *Tango at the End of Winter* at the Piccadilly Theatre. Yukio Ninagawa is to direct Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* in London with a mixed European and Japanese cast, led by Alan Rickman, who starred in *Tango*. Thelma Holt is to co-produce again with Tadeo Nakane, and the production will probably open in 1993. Meanwhile, the entire *Tango* production, complete with British cast, will be taken to Japan for six weeks next spring.

## Director's hit?

AFTER saving the world in *Terminator 2*, Arnold Schwarzenegger is ready for his greatest challenge: directing a film. *Christmas in Connecticut*, however, should give him little opportunity for fist-cuffs: the film is a remake of a fluffy 1945 comedy, which featured Barbara Stanwyck as a spinster magazine columnist forced to give a national hero a rousing family Christmas. Dyan Cannon will take on the Stanwyck role.

## Rich praise

BRIAN FRIEL's Olivier award-winning play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, looks set to repeat its London success in New York. The play won near unanimous raves for its Broadway debut last Thursday. Frank Rich, critic for the *New York Times*, praised the play's "overwhelming power" and "extraordinary company" of actors, and the production looks set to build on its hefty pre-opening advance sale of more than \$1 million (£590,000). In London, meanwhile, the West End production is expected to close before the end of the year.

## Last chance...

WITH little in the way of looks or image to help them, Level 42 have depended on the old-fashioned virtues of musicianship and hard work to guide their technopop fusion to the top. Although *Guardian*, their latest album, was a disappointment and "Overtime", the new single, has flopped, the live show remains a polished, upbeat affair that draws freely on the group's distinguished back catalogue. Their British tour ends with dates at Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355) tomorrow; Brighton Centre (0273 202881) on Wednesday.

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## What women want: a new manifesto

### WOMEN IN HIGH PLACES

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Ann Baldwin, chartered accountant, executive partner of Grant Thornton, tax specialist. Investigated County NatWest and Blue Arrow for the DTL. Age 45, married, two children.

#### ADVERTISING

M. T. Rainey, chief executive officer and managing director, Chiat/Day advertising. University of Glasgow degree in psychology. Worked at IPC Magazines, Gold Greenless, Trout Advertising. Age 36, single, no children.

#### ARCHITECTURE

Eva Jiricna has her own company and employs 14 architects. Known for her work on the Joseph fashion shops. Qualified in Czechoslovakia in 1968. Age 52, divorced, no children.

#### ARTS ADMINISTRATION

Baroness Della O'Cathain, managing director, Barbican Centre, London. Graduate of University College, Dublin. Worked at Milk Marketing Board, Aer Lingus and Leyland. Age 53, married, no children.

#### BANKING

Jane Bradford, head of small business at National Westminster Bank since May. Joined bank in 1964 from school. Age 45, married, no children.

#### CIVIL SERVICE

Ann Bowtell, deputy permanent secretary, Department of Health. Graduate of Girton College, Cambridge. Worked at National Assistance Board, social security department. Age 54, married, four children.

#### ENTREPRENEUR

Anita Roddick, founder and managing director, The Body Shop. Teacher training college, Bath College of Education. Founded Body Shop 1976. Age 49, married, two children.

#### EDUCATION

Kathleen O'Donovan, finance director of BTR plc, a British industrial conglomerate. First woman finance director in The Times top 200 companies. University College, London, economics degree.

#### FASHION

Jean Mair, designer, director and owner of Jean Mair Ltd since 1967. Sells in Britain, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong and America. Age 57, married, two children.

#### INDUSTRY

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#### LAW

Justice Barter-Sloss, Lord Justice of Appeal since 1988. Called to bar 1953. Tory candidate, Lambeth, Vauxhall 1959. Former judge in High Court Family Division. Chaired Cleveland child abuse enquiry. Age 59, married three children.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillor Lady Anson, chairman of the Association of District Councils. Qualified as a barrister in 1974. Married, four children. Age 35, single, no children.

#### MEDICAL

Baroness Ewart-Biggs. Worked at the Savoy, advising on decor and upkeep. Widow, three children.

#### MEDIA

Patsy Chapman, editor *News of the World*. Former test girl on *Health and Efficiency* magazine. Became a feature writer and sub-editor. In her "early forties", married, one child.

#### POLICE

Liz Forgan, director of programmes at Channel 4 since 1988. Responsible for scheduling and editorial strategy. St Hugh's College, Oxford. Joined Metropolitan Police 1973. Age 38, divorced, two children.

#### RELIGION

Sheila Cameron, vicar-general of the province of Canterbury since 1985. Presides at ancient ceremony confirming the election of bishops. Graduate of St Hugh's College, Oxford. Called to bar 1957, QC 1983. Age 57, married, two children.

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Research by Alice Thomson and Heather Kirby

Today a campaign is launched to enable more women to get top jobs: here we show 30 women already in high places and give their suggestions, together with those of women's organisations nationwide, for a women's charter

surv.

Student apprentice in metallurgy at AEI Manchester, then Manchester College of Science and Technology. MP for Derby South since 1983. Age 48, married, no children.

PUBLISHING

Gail Rebuck, chairman of Random House. Educated at the Lycee Francais and Sussex University. Founding partner of Century books in 1981. Age 39, married, two children.

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POLITICS (POLICY)

Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, president of the Royal College of Physicians since 1989. Graduate Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Consultant physician, Brompton hospital, since 1965. Age 66, two children.

PARLIAMENT

Margaret Beckett, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury. Worked at The Economist, The Times, The

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#### Flexible and affordable childcare

Tax benefits on childcare and childcare vouchers

A three-way split on funding between government – central and local – employers and parents

A nationally-funded system of childcare

Incentives for employers to provide childcare – not necessarily on the premises

More government funding of nursery schools

Good out-of-school childcare provision, a safe local play centre in every neighbourhood, with a special fund so that schools can apply to enable them to open up

#### Flexible working

Higher employer consciousness of the need for job sharing, working part time or "part year" and career breaks

Pro-rated rights, benefits and promotion prospects, and job protection, for part-time workers

More security for women returning to work after a career break

#### Training

Decent vocational training for women

Continuation of inexpensive adult education classes

Training courses during career breaks, subsidised by employers

#### More women at the top

Advertise for appointments to public bodies

Ensure equal representation of women in public life

More women in parliament and the media, the two areas in which the female voice must be heard

#### Equality

In jobs, pay, pensions and benefits

Effective and enforceable equal opportunities legislation, in particular to protect jobs while on maternity leave

#### Better healthcare

A bigger say in the health service

A greater choice in childbirth

More money for research into breast cancer and other areas of women's health

#### Recognition for women who work at home

Tax allowances for women looking after children or elderly relatives at home

#### Tax relief for low income families

To enable them to get off income support and go back to work with benefits to cover childcare, and more adequate support systems for homeless women

severely curtailed. We hope that the government will consider adult education as a separate issue from education and training for 16-19 year olds because almost eight in 10 participants are women."

The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, representing 100,000 members around the country, puts "affordable pre-school childcare facilities" at the top of its list according to its national secretary Rosie Styles.

**H**omeworkers get a raw deal and 99 per cent are women," says Miss Styles. "And women's health is vital, because I think we have a gut reaction that if men suffered from breast cancer there would be more money for research."

Jane Grant, the director of the National Alliance of Women's Organisations, which represents over 200 bodies from the 300 Group to the YWCA, has produced NAWO's "agenda for women" which she hopes the Prime Minister might follow.

It is a ten point plan proposing financial equality in jobs, pay, pensions and benefits and a nationally-funded system of childcare and improved access to training and education, among others.

She feels strongly that "women should be given a greater voice in the health service – and a greater choice in childbirth. Just look at the closure of small maternity units."

Tess Woodcraft, the director of the Kids Clubs Network – which provides out-of-school care for between 1,200 and 1,300 school-aged children through a network of 400 clubs in community centres and church halls – says, "We would like to see a Kids Club in every neighbourhood, as a safe local play centre for children. In a women's charter there should be provision for that, and a special fund set up so that schools can apply to get the money to enable them to open up."

Evelyn Knowles, the chair of the national executive of the 300 Group, whose aims are to get more women into Parliament, says, "Good childcare is essential. The Government should put more resources into funding nursery schools and offering incentives for employers to provide childcare – not

necessarily on the premises, but a subsidy."

"I'd also like to see more security for women returning to work after a career break."

Lady Lothian, patron of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, which has 100 affiliates, draws attention to homeless women. "Homeless women need more safe places. There are totally inadequate support systems for them."

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# The red box delusion

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RIDDELL ON MONDAY

**M**inisterialitis — an illness of ministers in office for many years. Its symptoms are an exaggerated liking for red boxes, government cars and other trappings of office; and, in its extreme form, a belief that you can never lose your job. It is more traditionally known as *honoris*, which can lead to nemesis.

Several ministers are showing severe symptoms at present. They have held office for a very long time. Life outside Whitehall is as strange to them as it is to any permanent secretary. Nine members of the cabinet have been in the government in some capacity without a break since 1979, and a further six have since 1981. John Major is a comparative newcomer in having become a junior whip in January 1983.

Such continuous service by so many senior ministers is virtually unprecedented. When the coalition government finally collapsed in October 1982, Lloyd George was the sole senior survivor, with an unbroken period in office since December 1905. Attlee and Morrison were the only top Labour politicians to serve from the start of the wartime coalition in May 1940 until the defeat of Labour in October 1951, with only the two-month gap of the 1945 caretaker government (Bevin having already died and Cripps having stepped down because of ill health). And both Attlee and Morrison were exhausted by the end.

The closest parallel is the Home administration in 1963-64, at the end of 13 Tory years; the prime minister was among six survivors in the cabinet, also including Edward Heath and R.A. Butler, of those who had followed Winston Churchill into office in 1951. But that is hardly a happy example, since the Tories then showed a loss of political touch and lost the election.

It is hardly surprising that many members of the present government are prone to *ministerialitis*. In conversations over the past few weeks I have been struck by how many ministers do not, even in private, contemplate the possibility of defeat. To them, another Tory victory is inevitable. This is not just self-confidence; it reflects a powerful belief.

The argument commonly runs along these lines: "I know we are on the defensive on health and unemployment, and the polls are not looking too good now. But economic confidence should have picked up by the spring and, faced with a choice of John or Neil as prime minister, the electorate is bound to back us. So we should get back with a majority of 25 to 30."

That may be how events turn out. But it is far from certain, and is made less certain by the behaviour of ministers. There is a tendency to confuse what should happen with what might, or will, happen.

This is not just because many ministers have been in office for a long time; many have also never

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lead, though its gains have mainly been at the expense of the Liberal Democrats. Mr Major may be liked by voters, but that has not been enough to overcome their worries about the future of the health service.

Business confidence may be improving, suggesting a turning point in Britain, but there are growing worries over the absence of a sustained recovery in America and a slowdown in Germany. Sterling is already the second weakest currency in the European monetary system, so it is far from certain that the next move in interest rates will be downwards. The increases in public spending to be announced next month are unlikely to reassure the markets.

The approach to the Maastricht European summit will also be sticky, while the Tories face the probable loss of two seats in by-elections on November 7.

The Tories may face another round of jitters in the parliamentary party such as occurred last spring. That, at least, might jolt some members of the government out of their certainty that, whatever their present difficulties, they will win next year. *Ministerialitis* is curable, if caught in time. But the government has to show it is not taking voters for granted. The alternative is the shock treatment of a spell in opposition.

A harmless absurdity, but since

the events of the past few weeks should in themselves be sufficient warning against Tory complacency. The tabloid euphoria of mid-September about an early election is a distant fantasy. Yesterday's Mori poll confirmed other recent evidence that Labour has emerged from the intensive mini-campaign of September and the party conference season with a clear

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MATTHEW PARRIS

**P**urgatory, I think, will be a BBC green room, with warm orange juice. I was waiting in one such on Friday. I had some small contribution to make to a news/views/half-eleven morning magazine programme.

Into the green room walked a couple, 30-something, with their little boy. They looked rather nice, ordinary people, but rather tense. The woman asked for herbal tea and, there being none, took orange juice. The man had mineral water.

He was well turned out. He had intelligent eyes, was pre-maturely balding, and wore a decent, worried expression. Like him, his wife was looking her best. Honestly in the best sense, she let her husband take the lead, and watched lovingly over their little boy, who played with a bubble-blowing kit and a bowl of sugar sachets.

"What are you here for?" I asked.

The man looked at his wife and she looked back. "We've been invited to talk about our belief," he said. He stopped. She said nothing. I looked at them, my question unspoken.

"We are not going to die," he said. His wife smiled nervously in support. The little boy started to make a pile of sugar sachets.

"You can arrest the ageing process?"

"Yes, I suppose so."

"How have you found this out?"

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experienced opposition. Mr Major and Chris Patten, the party chairman, are among seven cabinet members who were not even in the Commons when Labour was last in office. Quite a few ministers and Tory MPs who first entered Parliament in 1979 or later have as if Britain has a one-party government, as Japan effectively has, forgetting that they themselves may one day be in opposition.

Some ministers have stopped thinking as politicians. They dismiss criticism as uninformed or biased; the government has already examined all possible options. Labour policies are brushed aside because they involve vague promises without a precise estimate of spending involved. That is a reasonable objection to say, Labour's health proposals, whose cost is left dangling in the air. But, unfair though it appears to ministers, voters may — and overwhelmingly do — prefer Robin Cook's approach to William Waldegrave's.

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The Democrat who scares the White House is poised to run for president, says Peter Stothard

**I**n a museum opposite the New York State Office a flamboyant oil portrait shows a politician of ancient Rome in the wreckage of a once great city. *Marius in the Ruins of Carthage* is a renowned work by the 19th-century American master, John Vanderlyn. But it is not a popular picture in the urban ruins where the modern *Marius*, Mario Cuomo, rules.

"We don't keep it on permanent display," said a nervous official who wanted to remain anonymous. "We would be too tempted to paste Cuomo's head on top of that toga and send it to him in a black box." A colleague laughed. "The governor for president? He's a high taxer, a high spender, and a disaster for us. The rest of America is welcome to him."

This week, however, the rest of America may well welcome him. As the nation's economic gloom deepens, the Cuomo paradox looms daily larger. Although many people who have experienced his state government for eight years would happily exile him to Carthage (or anywhere

else), for Democrats elsewhere it is a potential saviour, the one man who might drive George Bush from the White House.

Debate about money and jobs is common to all election campaigns. But in Washington earlier this year it was edged out by Middle East war and peace, Soviet coups, and sexual harassment. Last week, as though breaking out from behind a dam, the "pocketbook issues" surged back into the mainstream, leaving politicians and the ability to articulate a dream of the future.

He has not committed himself to running. He is worried about the appearance that will create of leaving unfinished business at home. He has made a reputation for travelling nowhere and for calling foreign policy the "easy bit" of government. While Mr Bush was hobnobbing with Boris Yeltsin, Mr Cuomo was planning programmes of welfare cuts and public works.

The New York governor frightens the White House because he would give Mr Bush an unpredictable fight. An intellectual lawyer with wide interests in philosophy and history, his administrative experience and knowledge of the world are narrower than those of the president. But his emotional and imaginative range is much the greater. His 1984 Convention speech for Walter Mondale is still talked about in terms normally reserved for John F. Kennedy or Martin Luther King.

He is the one Democrat who fights tougher than the president. When he recently described an opponent as a "dead man", he drew a columnist's retort that no Democrat had talked that way since Frank Sinatra left the party. In recent weeks the Clarence Thomas affair has brought out this instinct on behalf of Anita Hill, whom he felt had been let down by

Senate Democrats. The success in the Louisiana governor's race of David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader, has aroused in him passionate outrage at what he sees as Republican racism.

Earlier this year, Mr Cuomo could see little attraction in coming out against a president who was a victorious war leader. Now, he sees a rival who, while still popular, is presiding over domestic economic decline, frustration at the failure to dislodge Saddam Hussein, and whose party is claimed by a southern white supremacist.

The president was in rapid motion last week, promoting possible tax cuts for the middle class, claiming the Middle East peace conference as a gain from the Gulf war, agreeing to civil rights extensions he had once wanted to veto, and disassociating himself utterly from Mr Duke. But the Democrats feel their blood running fast. They see *Marius in the Ruins of Carthage* in pride of place on the White House walls next year — and among the symbolic columns George Bush's fallen head.

# Bush's bogeyman

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Even this month, Tom King, leader of the Franco-German group in the European army under the EC, was seeking a "moderate" and "responsible" alternative to David Duke and Mr Major. Major's continued efforts to stop the Community from becoming a "moderate" and "responsible" alternative to the "right-wing" and "populist" George Bush.

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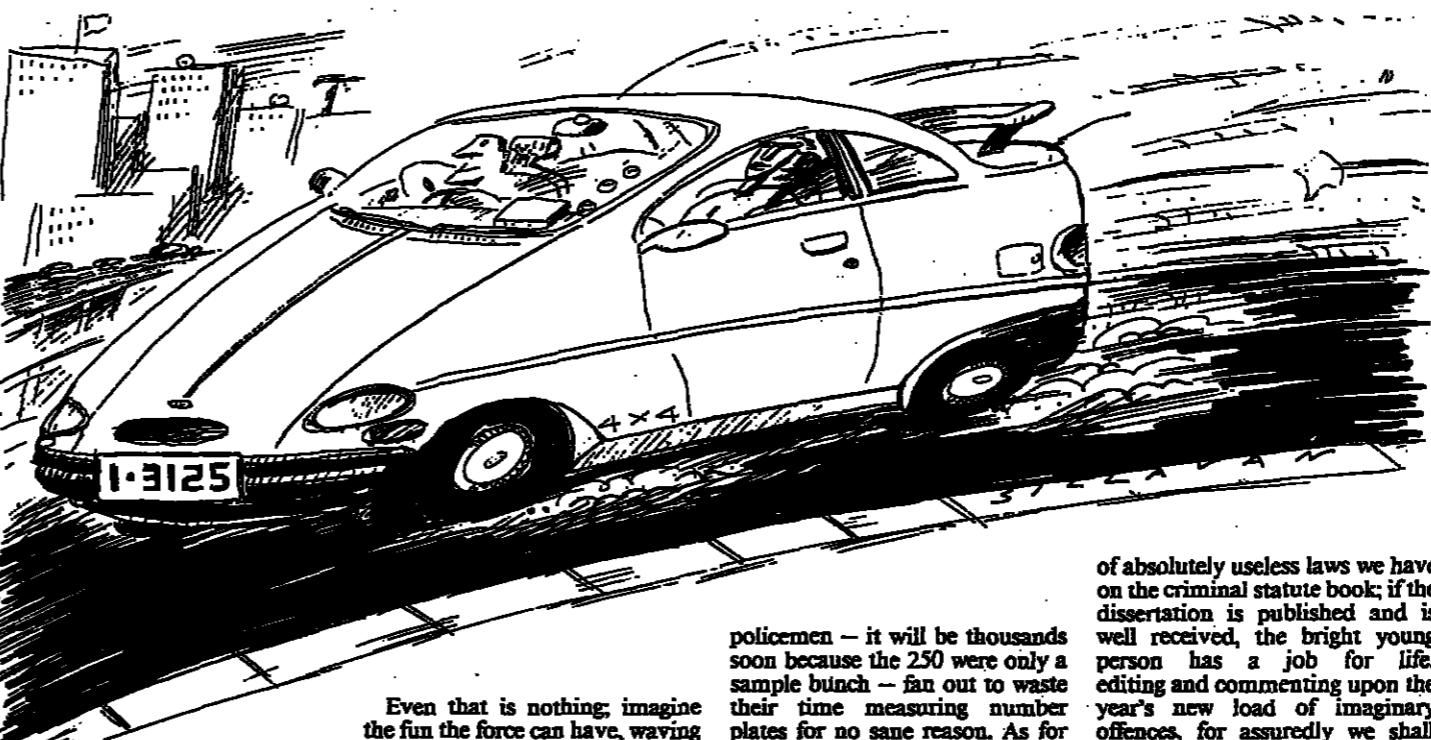
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# L1BERTY went that way

Bernard Levin  
on the officials  
who were given  
an inch and  
demanded a harsh  
sentence



Even that is nothing; imagine the fun the force can have, waving down unsuspecting drivers to measure the space between the characters on their number plates, and making anything up to half a dozen people at a time hate policemen permanently. Imagine the fun, did I say? But the fun has only just started; it is now known that the Department of Transport actively encourages and money encourages and takes a colossal slice from the sale and purchase of what are called in the trade "Cherished Number Plates".

Not content with pushing this trade and cutting itself in the DoT actually sorts out the most fiercely cherished numbers and makes sure that these will be snapped up by those who have a reason to display them. So help me, the DoT auctions these figures, offering to the highest bidder such prizes as ELV 1S, which was sold for £66,000 to a passionate Presley follower. Of course, the DoT has pretend (and does) that its sales of cherished numbers are not immediately attached to the buyer's car with the letters and numbers suitably doctored, but nobody believes that, or is expected to.

Meanwhile, the DoT mutters into its porridge that the law must be obeyed, and hundreds of policemen — it will be thousands soon because the 250 were only a sample bunch — fan out to waste their time measuring number plates for no sane reason. As for who, in the DoT, is responsible for this rattle-pated pogrom, my money is on Chope, he of the back seat compulsory belts.

But if you think that is enough for one day from the DoT (no doubt Chope is lurking in the undergrowth of this story as well), here comes the High Court to push the arrow right round to the bit reading "Totally Daft". The judges have now ruled that it is a criminal offence to put advertising leaflets under the windscreen wipers of a car.

It seems that the owner of a wine bar in Chichester had been advertising his for doing so, and the case went all the way to the Bloody Assize, where the Chichester conviction was upheld on the bizarre ground that the poor devil had been "using a vehicle for a purpose in connection with trade or business, contrary to the Road Traffic Regulations".

If there is a young man or woman who has just graduated *summa cum laude* and is looking for a subject to take up for a higher degree, I suggest a comparative study (matched against, say, the countries of the EC) of the number

of absolutely useless laws we have on the criminal statute book; if the dissertation is published and is well received, the bright young person has a job for life, editing and commenting upon the year's new load of imaginary offences, for assuredly we shall come out the winners by an enormous margin.

People involved with the law, from the most eminent law lord to the clerk of the court, can always be heard complaining of the burden of work they carry, a burden which inevitably ensures that litigation and trials are always far behind, and always getting more so. This is a real and painful problem, but I have discovered the solution.

When the first prosecution for having a car number plate with a gap between letters and numbers less than 1.325 inches wide is heard, let the judge say very loudly, "Take this preposterous rubbish out of my court before I throw the lot of you in jail for contempt". And when the next prosecution for abuse of a windscreen wiper comes up, let the judge say, "I don't care what my learned brothers have decided, this is a damned silly law, and from now on anyone may break it with impunity".

You never know, it could catch on. It might put the bright youngster out of business, but surely there is an honest living to be got by repainting number plates and tucking leaflets under windscreen wipers.

The concert at Steinway Hall will be accompanied by an exhibition of Grainger memorabilia from the Steinway archives in New York. Thwaites, who also lectures about the composer of *Country Gardens*, says: "Grainger's debut at the age of 19 launched him upon a career which soon established him as one of the world's great pianists."

Indeed, it did. "Mr Percy Grainger has the gift of temperament and no little individuality," wrote *The Times*'s perceptive critic at the time.

The art world has been mystified as to how twin versions of da Vinci's tiny *Madonna of the Yarnwinder* can be of such high quality. Martin Kemp, professor of art history at St Andrews University, who will examine the two paintings, says: "Some of da Vinci's smaller devotional paintings were produced in his studio, although they were not all by him. It's a bit like a high-class furniture maker: the master can't be expected to cut every joint himself."

If either of the paintings was copied, Kemp will be looking for dots to indicate that it was drawn from a cartoon of the original. "We will be using infra-red reflectography to penetrate the paint layers and pick up under the drawing. This should show us how the painting was done," he says.

The research was made possible after the Duke of Buccleuch and a private collector in New York agreed to exhibit the versions they own.</



## BARGAINING TIME

John Major's strategy of being nice to his partners in the European Community appears to be unravelling. At the Maastricht summit nears and "nonpapers" give way to deadlines for concrete decisions, tempers are shortening, old suspicions emerging and British ministers are publicly criticising other EC governments and especially the European Commission.

Earlier this month, Tom King voiced his dissent from the Franco-German proposals for a European army under EC direction. A letter from the EC environment commissioner seeking a halt to seven British construction projects was greeted with "irritation" and "astonishment" by Malcolm Rifkind and Mr Major. Michael Howard's opposition to EC plans for a common working week continues Britain's campaign to stop the Commission imposing a "social charter" under the guise of health and safety legislation. This weekend Mr Hurd broadened the assault, criticising the Commission's "natural centralising instinct" and setting apparently firm limits to Britain's readiness to compromise at Maastricht.

Mr Hurd's asserted yesterday that Britain is "not being tough, just sensible" in this final stage of pre-Maastricht bargaining. The Commission and some other members will not see it that way. These disagreements — on a common foreign policy, on immigration, on extending majority voting, on the powers of the European Parliament, on the desirability of a common currency and central bank — go to the heart of the Maastricht debate.

On Friday Mr Major sees Helmut Kohl to see what deal can be struck on the revised Dutch proposals for "next steps" towards European union. He will take with him some substantial gains from his diplomacy of the past nine months. Except on the social charter, Britain has allies within the EC on every subject. All 12 governments have reservations about aspects of the various drafts so far prepared for Maastricht, even if Britain has more of them than most.

France and Britain share doubts about increased powers for the European Parliament. Britain and Italy oppose Franco-German views on common defence. Britain, Germany and the Netherlands are united in their determination to deflect the Commission from anything resembling a common "industrial policy". The 12 are split 9-3.

## RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF DYING

The word "euthanasia" derives from the Greek for "easy death", but the issues it raises are far from easy. Some would deny this. For Roman Catholics, euthanasia is a mortal sin. The gift of life is given by God, obligating man to live it to its natural end. The Catholics buttress this argument by a more pragmatic one: modern medicine and modern care make an agonising end to life unnecessary. But such empirical arguments are secondary to an absolute moral bar.

Others, many but not all of them humanists, take a diametrically opposed view. They believe that human freedom includes the individual right to live or die. If individuals choose to end their own lives, society has no right to stop them. This group, too, has to address empirical matters, such as ways to ensure that the decision to die is truly voluntary and not the result of outside pressure. But these matters again are secondary, compared with the right to choose.

Daniel Johnson argued the absolutist case against euthanasia in *The Times* on October 11. A passionate correspondence has ensued. Similar arguments have surfaced in America as Michigan prosecutors try to bring charges against Dr Kevorkian, a pathologist and inventor of a suicide machine. Voters in the state of Washington will be asked next month whether euthanasia should be legal.

Should the debate be left unresolved? That would be unsatisfactory on two counts. First, medical science advances. Life can be sustained that once would naturally have ebbed away, as in the case of the boxer Michael Watson, alive only thanks to the intensive care he received after his bout with Chris Eubank five weeks ago. With that capacity to extend life goes a capacity to make it more tolerable, physically through improved anaesthetics, and mentally, through

## PATHS TO GLORY

After ten years' labour, the Peak District National Park Authority has completed its restoration of the seven-mile path through Dovedale and Wolfscale Dale. This scheme, which exemplifies all that is commendable in public trusteeship, highlights the failure of Whitehall to respond to the recent campaign of the countryside and walking lobbies for a ramblers' charter. Nowhere is the government's response to the changing economics of agriculture and the growth of public interest in the countryside more inadequate than in the matter of footpath rights. Current proposals to reform the law of trespass to reduce squatting should be combined with reform of rights of way.

Britain is now developing an impressive and comprehensive network of long distance footpaths as well as local routes for the less serious weekend walker. Some of these are comparable with the splendid *grandes randonnées* in France. The Pennine Way, the Ridgeway and Offa's Dyke may need protection, not from encroachment but from the damage caused by their popularity. These paths offer scenery, exercise and enjoyment, free of charge. It is hard to conceive of a finer national asset, capable of being enjoyed by so many citizens without intrusion on the enjoyment of others.

Other footpaths are a different matter. Some, such as the Cotswold and South

on proposals to extend majority voting. Even on monetary union, where agreement is said to be closest, division goes deep. Germany will accept no lesser commitment against inflation than its present monetary institutions provide. Italy, by contrast, is beginning to count the cost in growth and unemployment of adhering to German standards. Whatever statement of general principle is signed at Maastricht — and it is becoming more general each week — the road to Stage 3 of monetary union will be storm-ridden. Even inside the EC Commission, the engine room of federalism, not all commissioners share the centralising ambitions of Jacques Delors and his French bureaucratic élite.

More to the point, argument is shifting Britain's way. With the map of Europe changing faster than was dreamed when the aim of political and economic union was agreed in Madrid in 1985, a two-speed approach to monetary union would not only be no disaster, it would make entry to the club easier for new members. The same is true of foreign and defence policy, where loose structures of co-operation under the Council of Ministers would be more prudent during a period of rapid change. Last week's proposed treaty on visa controls, recommended by national ministers outside the Commission context, was a useful template.

The foreign ministers go into conclave in a fortnight for three days, supposedly to emerge with agreed drafts. The odds are now on some vague statements of intent, to which no reasonable government could take exception. The strength of such vagueness would be to postpone conflict within the EC as thinking on a "wider Europe" continues to evolve. The danger is that new vitality might be given to the sort of inanities seen from Brussels this past month, moving the "federalist ratchet" up another click.

There is a mass of business for the EC, under the leadership of the Council of Ministers, to push forward without new treaties and within existing arrangements, business on trade, on agriculture, on protectionism, on relations with the East, on pollution, on crime. The British government under its present and previous leaders has been firm and clear on this. There is no reason at all for any change of direction, and as yet no sign that Mr Major intends one.

**From Mr F. Winston Pate**  
The kind of care provided by the hospice movement. Those who are not absolutists will want these arguments weighed.

Second, it has to be recognised that euthanasia is an existing, if exceptional, practice. Every so often, a doctor is suspended following a patient's death. In the Netherlands it is now estimated that 2 per cent of deaths are the result of euthanasia. Such matters should not be left to individual doctors. Their knowledge is relevant, but they are not moral philosophers. Still less can it be fair for their decisions to lead to professional disgrace or even criminal arraignment. These arguments apply with even greater force to relatives of the dead, sometimes still dragged before the courts for performing what they believe to be a last service to their loved ones. Dealt with thus, euthanasia resembles abortion in Britain before the 1967 abortion act half-regulated, patchily available, peddled by fanatics to the desperate and exploited by sharks.

Britain has a sophisticated mechanism for resolving such issues. The commission of enquiry has been much derided as an instrument of government and, as a way of resolving essentially political debate, rightly so. But it has a good record on questions of morality. In debates often distorted by high emotion, concentrated practical intelligence untangles knots. The Williams committee on obscenity and film censorship of 1977-79 conditioned all subsequent debate on the subject. The Warnock committee on human fertilisation resolved the question of embryo research. The government should take up the proposal made by Lord Alport in his letter to *The Times* of 19 October for a public enquiry into euthanasia; and appoint a moral philosopher of the stature of Dame Mary Warnock to chair it.

**From Mr Eric R. Bevington**  
Footpaths are no longer merely village routes to church and shop. They are the new rural resource, bringing increasing numbers to regions which lack obvious tourist attractions. Few are properly signposted, let alone blessed with interpretation or refreshment centres — in contrast, for instance, to land owned by the National Trust or the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Many lack the sponsorship of local tourist authorities and the support of landowners.

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**From Mr David Andrews**  
Footpaths are well-guarded and maintained. But other paths, such as the Oxfordshire Way and the curiously named Saxon Shore Way, as well as dozens of local footpaths, are disjointed and obstacle-strewn, petering out in fields and farmyards, defeating even the Ordnance Survey's excellent Landranger and Pathfinder maps.

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## Topping up NHS treatments

**From Dr Gerard Bulger**

Sir. A patient of mine had been waiting for four years for IVF (in-vitro fertilisation) treatment on the NHS. After starting her treatment she was given a letter asking her to top up the costs of her treatment, should the district health authority not have a contract with St Bartholomew's Hospital. As it happens the DHA had such a contract.

IVF has a failure rate of perhaps 80 per cent. The cost in disruption and humiliation that failure brings outweighs the joy the relatively few lucky women have when they succeed.

IVF, in my view, should not be funded by the NHS. The Department of Health could take the sums used by the regions to fund such programmes and put them, and a little more, into an independent research and infertility counselling charity. Those seeking IVF would apply to the charity.

The City and Hackney Community Health Council, of which I was a member, objected to the provision of an IVF service at St Bartholomew's (report, October 23) when there were so many other basic gynaecological problems that required the health authority's attention in Hackney.

The top-up funding scheme that Barts' introduced appears not to have been thought through. Patients who thought themselves NHS patients suddenly found themselves quasi-private.

If NHS patients are expected to top up the costs of their IVF treatment might not top-ups occur in other parts of the service? Treatments should be either NHS or funded as research projects or through charities. Then patients would know where they stood from the outset.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Cancer mouse

**From Mr F. Winston Pate**

Sir. Mr Terry Robinson (letter, October 22) affirms that only Almighty God holds a patent on life. Would this not mean that God holds patents on the more than three and a half thousand known human inheritable and transmissible diseases, many of them fatal, which are currently the target of genetic researches around the world?

I would suggest that the creation and marketing of an OncoMouse to develop cancer for research (report, October 15) is a small price to pay for such potentially huge benefits to humanity. Equally, I think it not unreasonable that the company responsible for developing the OncoMouse should want to recover its costs in creating this very valuable research animal.

Yours faithfully,  
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## EC intervention

**From Mr Eric R. Bevington**

Sir. Before Maastricht and possible moves to European political integration, it would seem necessary to get a close definition of the term "subsidiarity". Unfortunately, this vague concept probably defies adequate definition.

The recent intervention of the European Commission on issues which are at once abstract and subjective, and relevant mainly to small local communities, is a harbinger of almost limitless intervention in future years.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Indemnity costs

**From Mr David Andrews**

Sir. The President of the Law Society is absolutely right to draw attention to the serious situation that has arisen for the legal profession, on account of claims and complaints, resulting in the massive increases in the cost of indemnity insurance and contributions to the compensation fund (report, October 18).

It seems unlikely, however, that the solutions he suggests will produce the desired result, which must be to see the number of claims and complaints reduced. There is a solution to these problems that will work and the profession must face reality, hard though that may be.

It is now a well-established fact that a high proportion as 80 per cent of claims and complaints against solicitors stem neither from dishonesty nor lack of knowledge of the law. They arise from poor

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## Prison officers seen as 'scapegoats'

**From the General Secretary of the Prison Officers' Association**

Sir. I find your reports and leading article (October 21) on the state of the prison service alarmist and your remarks about the Prison Officers' Association prejudiced.

Your central charge is that the POA is a "barrier" to change, and has usurped the function of management in our prisons. In addition the association, "run by John Bartell", is seeking overmanning. The service, it is alleged, is riddled with disputes, and on the point of facing "breakdown of state control". You also give some account of particular problems in Wakefield and Wandsworth.

The grim conditions in Britain's prisons are a testimony to decades of political neglect. Overcrowding has sanitation, and prisoners spend much of their day in debilitated idleness, especially in many local prisons, are features of inadequate resources and long-term structural decay in the system.

In no way do they arise from obstruction by prison officers. In fact, the improvements advocated by the Woolf report and others have always been part of the association's declared policies. At present the government is using the POA as a scapegoat for its failures in prison policy in particular and law and order in general. It also shows a lack of political will that the government has failed to come out with a definite timetable to implement the recommendations of the Woolf report.

It is that members of the Prison Service as a whole, against heavy odds, have managed over a number of years to maintain an almost impossible situation by showing immense dedication, courage and professionalism. Yours sincerely,

DAVID EVANS, General Secretary, Prison Officers' Association.

Cronin House, 245 Church Street, Edmonton, N9.

October 23.

**Strikes and curbs**  
**From the Secretary of State for Employment**

Sir. In her article, "Charter for a disaster?" (Law Times, October 22), Gillian Morris argues that the proposal to give customers of a public service the right to go to court to halt the unlawful organisation of industrial action affecting such a service would be a "recipe for chaos". In fact she appears to have misunderstood the nature of the proposal.

For example, Ms Morris seems to believe that the new right to restrain unlawful organisation of industrial action will apply to "essential services" only. It would, in fact, protect all "public services" — that is, those covered by our citizens' charter white paper — whether they are capable of being described as "essential" or not.

She also implies that there is something "novel" about interlocutory proceedings being held to decide whether industrial action may have been organised unlawfully. However, for as long as anyone can remember this has been

accepted and normal practice of the courts. It is similarly misleading to imply that the "good practice" recommendations in the statutory code of practice on industrial-action ballots amount to "requirements".

Industrial action which is lawfully organised would not be affected by the new right. Ms Morris appears to ignore the fact that unlawful industrial action can have very real, and very harmful, effects on members of the public. Our proposal would do no more than give customers of public services the same protection against the effects of unlawfully organised industrial action as employees and union members already have.

Far from being a "recipe for chaos", therefore, the proposal would be an important ingredient of the measures which the government proposes, under our citizens' charter, to enhance and protect public services.

Yours sincerely,  
MICHAEL HOWARD,  
Department of Employment,  
Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1.  
October 23.

**Caring for children**  
**From Mr and Mrs M. S. Reynolds**

Sir. As the adoptive parents of three children who came to us at ages 14, 13 and 11 respectively, we cannot agree with Polly Toynbee's assertion (Review, October 19) that care usually does little more than prevent children being killed or maimed.

The taking of a child into care can be the start of a process which eventually leads to his or her being placed in an adoptive family. Whilst never an entirely satisfactory replacement for the natural family, that does offer perhaps the best chance there is of breaking the vicious circle of abuse and deprivation.

Unfortunately the length of time between the initial involvement of a

social work agency and the placement of a child in a family may be several years (at least five years in the case of all of our children, each of whom was in the care of a different local authority). These are lost years for the children and are often spent unsatisfactorily in children's homes or temporary foster placements.

In our view, a more decisive policy leading to the speedier placement of children in adoptive families would serve the children better and would free some of the hard-pressed resources of the agencies.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL REYNOLDS,  
DEBORAH REYNOLDS,  
Kylo, Mildenhall,  
Marlborough, Wiltshire.

place the protection of defaulting firms ahead of the need to protect the public and the rest of the profession?

It is unrealistic to expect these problems to be resolved by mere exhortation, from whatever source that may come. Firms in trouble are the last to seek help and advice on account of the fact that they often fail to identify the cause of their trouble, are too frightened or even too proud to admit their need for help, or are simply unwilling to pay for that help.

It is no good the profession complaining about the harsh consequences of this state of affairs if it is not prepared to acknowledge and implement the only solution that will work: compulsion.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID ANDREWS (Chairman),  
The David Andrews Partnership,  
Temple Chambers,  
Temple Avenue, EC4.

October 21.

Are we really so misguided as to

## Segregation in nursery schools

**From the Director of the Freedom Association**

Sir. The former chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, Sir David Lane, in commenting on the implications of the Cleveland school case (letter, October 24) states that an equal opportunities society will be easier to achieve if "children grow up in regular and easy contact with contemporaries of different racial origins from an early age".

However, activists within the race relations industry are doing their very best to prevent this coming about. Consider this irony of the Carney case (report, October 19). Jenny Carney's daughter is not "white" as the media described her but of "mixed race" and therefore, according to the logic of race relations



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
October 26: This morning The Princess Royal visited Burton's Biscuit Quality House, Sighthill, and was received by Her Majesty the Queen-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, The Right Hon. the Lord Provost).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, attended the World Cup Semi-final at Murrayfield.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
October 26: The Duke of Gloucester was represented by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire) at the Memorial Service for Dr Dennis Babidge, which was held at St. Giles' Church, Chesterton Lane, Cambridge, this afternoon.

## Birthdays today

Mr Francis Bacon, artist, 82; Mr Peter Baring, chairman, Barings, 56; Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 86; Mr. Henry Candy, racehorse trainer, 47; Professor D.E.N. Davies, vice-chancellor, Loughborough University of Technology, 56; Mr Carl Davis, composer, 55; Sir Frederick Delve, former chief officer, London Fire Brigade, 89; Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster, 53; Professor Sir Richard Richard, cancer specialist, 79.

Sir Ewen Ferguson, diplomat, 59; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 76; Lord Hesketh, 41; Mr Mark James, golfer, 38; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keay, 70; Lord Killearn, 72; Miss Cleo Lane, singer, 70; The Earl of Lauderdale, 73; Mr Hank Marvin, *Shades*' guitarist, 50; Miss Sophie Mirman, former chairman, Sock Shop, 35; Mr Michael Noakes, painter, 58; Miss Joan Plowright, actress, 62; Sir Rex Richards, director, Leverhulme Trust, 69; Mr William Rodgers, former MP, 63; Professor Jonas Salk, biologist, 77; Sir Hugh Tait, former chairman of Esso Petroleum Company, 85.

## Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit Nightingale House, 105 Nightingale Lane, SW12, at 10.30, will attend the "Woman of the Year" luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30, and will attend a dinner at Guildhall at 7.50 in aid of Help the Hospices and Nightingale House.

Princess Margaret, as Master of the Bench, will reopen the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn at 7.00 and dine with the benchers and members of the Inn.

The Duke of Kent, as Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the presidential dinner at the Natural History Museum at 7.55.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Streetwise Youth at North End Road, W14, at 11.00.

## Croydon war memorial

Air Marshal Sir William Wren unveiled a memorial at Croydon Airport yesterday dedicated to those who gave their lives during the second world war. The Rev P.R. Turner officiated at the service of dedication. Among those present were:

The Deputy Lieutenant of Croydon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Mr and Mrs P.J. O'Connell, the Mayor of Tower Hamlets and the chairman of the memorial group and Miss Savage.

## Dinner

The Lincolnshire Duckling Dinner

Dame Peggy Fenner hosted the Lincolnshire Duckling Dinner in the House of Commons on behalf of Cherry Valley Farms Limited on Friday, October 25, 1991. It was attended by key figures in the Retail and Catering Food Trade as well as the leading Cookery Writers in the United Kingdom.

## Forthcoming marriages

Captain T.A. Beckett and Miss F.M. Graham

The engagement is announced between Captain Thomas Beckett, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, youngest son of the late Mr Brendan Beckett and of Mrs Kathleen Beckett, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Graham, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr J.D. Douglas and Miss B.M. Sarony

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Archie Douglas, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Britt, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sarony, of Wimpole Street, London, W1.

Mr A.C. Hacking and Miss L.A. Geddes

The engagement is announced in Cape Town, between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Hacking, of Cittaslow, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Geddes, of Micheldever, Hampshire.

Major T.E. Heenan, Royal Australian Regiment and Miss A.K. Potter

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Major B. Heenan, of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, and Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. Potter, and Mrs G.L.A. Russell, of Queensland, Australia.

## OBITUARIES

**Sir Andrzej Panufnik, Polish-born composer and conductor, died at his Wickenham home yesterday aged 77. He was born in Warsaw on September 24, 1914.**

**ANDRZEJ Panufnik moved to Britain in 1954 and in 1961 took British nationality. He was a prolific and eclectic composer, working in a wide variety of idioms and genres. His style never followed any fashion of the day, but concentrated on achieving intense expression within an ordered form. The powerful eighth symphony, *Sinfonia Votiva*, that he wrote for the centenary of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1981, which was recorded the following year, is typical of his serious, carefully worked out methods. He was an appreciable conductor, and was music director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra from 1957 to 1959.**

**Panufnik's father was originally a hydro-technologist whose hobby as a maker of violin later became a profession; his mother was a violinist, who was Panufnik's first teacher. He started to compose under her tutelage at the age of nine. From 1932 to 1936 he studied at the Warsaw Conservatory, then worked with the eminent conductor Felix Weingartner in Vienna in 1937, completing his studies in Paris and London the following year, so that his grounding was suitably cosmopolitan. He made his debut as a conductor with the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra, directing his own student work, his *Symphonic Variations*.**

**During the war, Panufnik survived in the underground movement, writing patriotic songs under a pseudonym, since all Polish music was banned. During this period he played piano duets in a cafe with his fellow composer Witold Lutoslawski. All his works from this period were destroyed during the Warsaw uprising of 1944 though the following year he reconstructed three of them.**

**When the war was over he was appointed conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic, graduating in 1946 to the Warsaw Philharmonic, also appearing as a guest with the Berlin and London philharmonics. Meanwhile he was composing regularly, particularly works for chamber groups and orchestra. With them he won many state prizes in Poland, but he became increasingly circumscribed by the regimentation in Stalinist Poland and decided to emigrate in 1954 to Britain, where was already a**



**well-known figure through his conducting, music and work for Unesco's international music council of which he was vice-president from 1950 to 1953.**

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These are the words of the Lord God: I am laying a stone in Zion, a block of granite, in which no man's name will be found; he who has faith will not waver.

Isaiah 28: 16 (REB)

## BIRTHS

**FITZALAN HOWARD** - On October 23rd, at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3, a son, Arthur, and Gerald, a son, Arthur.

**GORDON LEMMING** - On August 2nd 1991, in Tokyo, to June and Phillip, a son, Thomas Charles.

**STUART** - On October 23rd, 1991, to Judith (née Gold) and Chris, a son, Stuart Osborne, a brother for Alexander.

**SUTTON** - On October 20th, to Rose (née Clark) and Mark, a son, Thomas Samuel, a brother, Philip.

**THOMAS** - On October 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah and Andrew, a son, George Vesey Charles.

## MARRIAGES

**BOWYER-DELMAGE** - The marriage took place on 25th October 1991, at St Paul's Church, Heart, F.C. Church, Wimborne, between Mr. & Mrs. B. Bowyer and Mrs. & Mrs. L. Bowyer and Marissa, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Delmage.

**HAMER - DAVIES** - On October 20th, at a quiet ceremony in Edinburgh, John and Christine

**DEATHS**

**BARNARD** - On October 23rd 1991, Adary Barnard at Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury, Exhumed to Barnard Funeral Service, (0843) 629579.

**BELCHER** - On October 24th 1991, peacefully, George Anthony, 80, died. Son, John and granddaughter, Funeral to be held at St Mary's Parish Church, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, on Wednesday October 30th at 2 pm.

**BISHOP** - Florence Muriel (née widow of P. E. Bishop) peacefully at Merton Hospital, London, on 24th October. No flowers, donations to R.N.L.F. Funeral Service, Chipping Norton, Dorset, at 1.30pm Thursday 31st October. Burial at Chipping Norton Cemetery, on Wednesday October 30th at 2 pm.

**BURGESS** - On October 25th, peacefully, at home, Gwendolyn, much loved by all her family. At her request private Relations and friends are invited to the Marie Curie Cancer Fund.

**CORNISH** - On October 23rd 1991, Eileen May Elizabeth, aged 85, very dear wife of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Cornish, Elizabeth, Hillary, grandmother of Catherine and Timothy, Funeral Service, St Peter's Church, Northmoor, Middlesex, on Friday November 1st at 12 noon, followed by cremation at 1.30pm. Donations if desired to charity.

**FOGE** - On October 22nd, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Mr. & Mrs. Peter, who celebrated his 85th birthday ten days before. Devoted son, a fine man, and much loved brother of Clive, Nicky and Jean, and the late Barry, Mr. Eric, Mrs. Peter, and Mrs. A. A. shining beacon of kindness and generosity to countless people, he will be missed by many relatives and friends. Funeral Service October 31st. Flowers or donations to the Royal British Legion, 971 Garratt Lane, London SW17, tel: (081) 672-1557.

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# Brave-faced Ford fights for sales

The slump in sales during 1990 and 1991 has literally set the van market back by a decade. Even if optimistic predictions come true, significantly fewer than 200,000 light commercial vehicles will find buyers this year, matching the lean times of the early 1980s.

Businesses will continue to be attracted to the flexible and economical transport offered by vans, however, and although it may be a long wait until buyers return in the record numbers of two years ago, the underlying level of growth in the market indicates that those days will return.

For this reason, activity in the market-place has continued unabated. Indeed, Ford, the leading seller of light commercials in Britain, put on a brave face and launched three vital new models this year.

Of these, the most important is undoubtedly the updated Transit range, which has just reached the Ford dealers.

The Transit still looms large over the medium and heavy van market, taking 40 per cent of sales in its class, and is consistently the biggest selling commercial vehicle of any size in Britain.

The present version was launched in 1986 and has just been given its mid-life update. From the

**The market leader sets the pace and plans a new model for next year,**

**Peter Watt writes**

outside, the changes are subtle. Only regular van spotters are likely to notice the re-fashioned nose, for example.

Under the skin and for the driver, however, there are more fundamental alterations. On the engine front, Ford has finally matched the competition by installing a 100hp turbo diesel. This features an electronically controlled diesel injection system — a first for the van market.

Ford has also announced that it will be unveiling an all-weather, four-wheel-drive derivative for next year.

Of the rivals, Volkswagen has the freshest machinery to tackle the Transit, having pensioned off the rear-engined Transporter at the turn of the year in favour of a new, streamlined front-wheel-drive vehicle.

Although the new Transporter can threaten only the lighter

Transits — its range extends to 2,800kg GVW rather than 3,500kg — its excellent handling and the availability for the first time of a chassis-cab version to allow the fitment of alternative bodywork, make it a serious rival.

Volkswagen believes it now has the chance to become "a second major player", behind Ford, in the light commercial market by the mid-1990s, implying at least a trebling in sales volume, and has set up a network of dedicated van centres offering fixed-price maintenance. Thus far, however, its ambitions have been delayed by slow supplies of the Transporter reaching Britain.

The present runner-up in the Transit sector, Leyland Daf Vans, is doing well to retain the loyalty of the public utilities and local councils with its ageing 200 and 400 Series models.

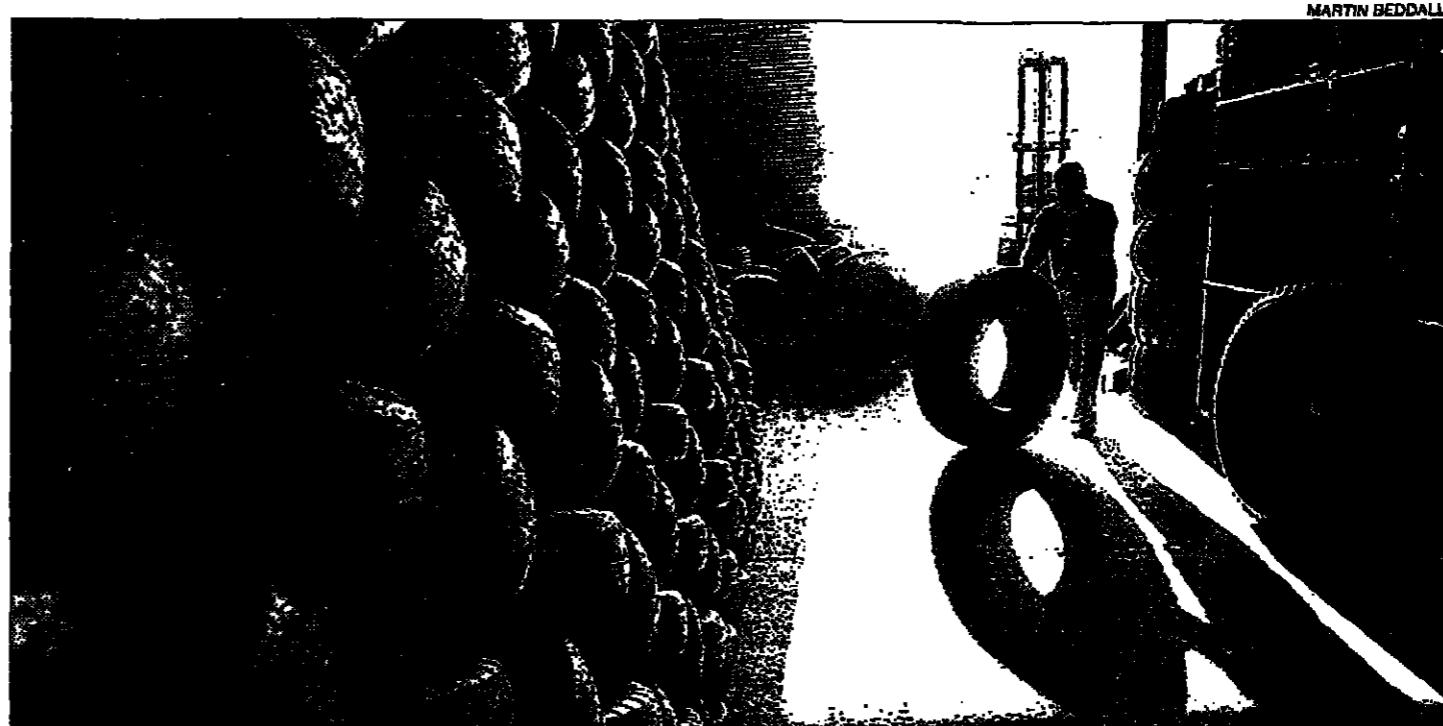
Detail development continues and there is now a two-year/100,000-mile warranty, but whether this is enough until replacements, jointly developed with Renault, come on-stream in 1993-4 remains to be seen.

In the lighter car-derived van (CDV) market, Ford thinks the trend is towards large-capacity, dedicated vans, rather than estates or hatchbacks with their windows blanked out. Ford has backed this conviction with its new Escort and Fiesta Courier ranges.

The Escort, which was introduced in January, is a direct replacement for its predecessor, itself Britain's best-selling CDV, and combines an attractive purpose-built van body with the front end of the new Escort saloon. The company has already received substantial fleet orders.

The Escort's success has not led the competition to invest in similar designs, however. The recently launched Vauxhall Astra, for example, does not get a specialised van body. Instead, the old Astramax model continues in production in Portugal, while the new saloon has spawned the estate-derived Astravan.

Vauxhall has traditionally done well in this niche, though, and as Ford and Peugeot have recently withdrawn their estate-based models, the sleek new Astravan should retain its market position after its launch later this year.



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**MANUFACTURING** and supplying tyres for commercial vehicles is big business, almost £3 billion a year for the UK and Europe. *Colin Sowman* writes. For the European market in replacement tyres for heavy trucks, the various manufacturers' forecasts of sales for 1991, taken collectively, range between 7.8 and 8.5 million tyres. The forecast for the sales of tyres to manufacturers to put on new vehicles was

just over three million tyres. The main tyre maker is Michelin, which had 20 per cent of the world market last year and the largest slice of the European market.

Costing the European commercial vehicle tyre market is complicated by the different ways British and continental makers work. In the UK, most trucks run without a spare wheel, to give an additional 115 kg of payload. To

cater for trucks with no spare, the tyre fitting services have breakdown cover 24 hours a day, but the level of tyre breakdown cover in Britain does not extend across the English Channel. The UK-based National Tyre Distributors' Association, which counts all the large tyre-fitting services as members, is negotiating with tyre distributing companies in Europe to set up similar schemes.

Modern trucks may look familiar, but their technology outsmarts the average mechanic

## Fitter's farewell to his set of spanners

**T**he day of the simple truck, which could be maintained in somebody's yard with an oily rag, is fading fast. The latest models look the same but their technology is moving beyond the average fitter's grasp. For spanners, now substitute diagnostic packages, and for only rag, read replacement blackbox, *Peter Watt* writes.

It is hardly a surprise that commercial vehicles are becoming more sophisticated, but in recent years the rate of change has picked up significantly. Part of the reason has been the buyer's demand for more efficient trucks, but a more influential factor has been the need to keep up with vehicle legislation. These standards, applied on a pan-European basis, now play a large part in dictating the timetable for change and are adding to our fitter's problems.

The latest truck designs offer more than improved safety and friendliness to the environment. They boast features aimed at increasing productivity and helping the driver. Undoubtedly, the greatest challenge to truck manufacturers is getting their engines to meet the standards for exhaust emissions without compromising

their vehicles' performances. Virtually all truck diesels now use turbochargers, and Ivecos' new Cargo range is a good example. To achieve the required range of outputs, even the less powerful engines use turbochargers, but with a much lower boost pressure than usual. Further up the weight range, the vast majority of recent truck engines have gone beyond basic turbocharging. They use an intercooler, which brings not only higher outputs but also improved fuel consumption.

This efficiency benchmark is being challenged, however, by the world's first automotive turbo-compound engine just launched in its R113 model by Scania. Turbo-compounding uses a second turbine in the exhaust downstream from the normal turbo. This turbine extracts further energy from the exhaust gases, and feeds

this back to the engine's flywheel via a geartrain. Scania says turbo-compounding boosts a diesel engine's overall efficiency to 46 per cent, up from 44 per cent for an intercooled design. That is, 46 per cent of the fuel's energy is converted into motive power.

The use of electronics, though,

is more likely to be the key to future power-plant development.

An early example is Electronic Diesel Control (EDC), initially employed by Scania, and more recently by Volvo. EDC, which uses Bosch's injection technology, takes information from sensors on the vehicle and decides how much fuel is needed. Apart from efficiency and improved emissions, EDC brings benefits to the driver, such as cruise control.

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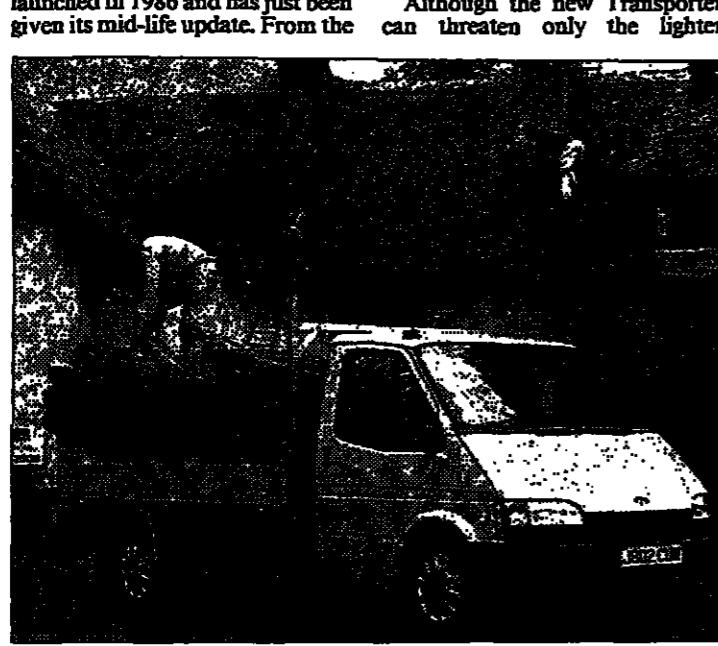
Volvo's City Filter, which anticipates the day when stricter con-

trols on exhaust particulates, the black smoke seen on poorly maintained vehicles, may be the norm in urban areas. A ceramic filter traps 80 per cent of the particulates, which are burnt off harmlessly using an electric element.

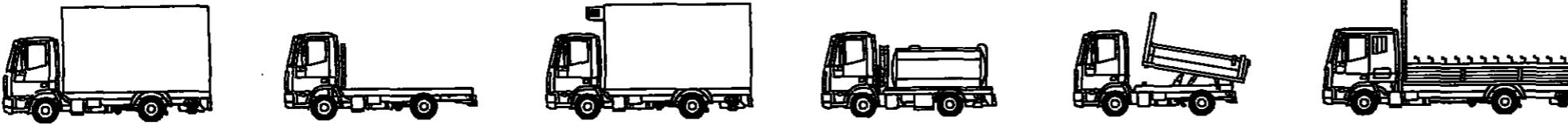
Another growth area is the use of air suspension. The transport department has said any increase in vehicle weights in Britain will be tied into the use of "road-friendly" suspension. Air springs, aside from offering better protection for the load, are also kind to the road.

Drivers tired of fighting against stubborn multi-speed gearboxes will be relieved to know that developments in transmission technology are coming to their rescue. Renault has just introduced an automatic clutch system (ACS) for urban conditions, while Volvo has gone one step further with Geartronic — a fully automatic version of its 12-speed truck transmission with "economy" and "performance" modes.

Neither system has a clutch pedal, but whereas the ACS driver selects gears manually, Geartronic uses a computer, and unless overridden, will control gear-changing automatically, leaving the driver free to concentrate.



Transformed: subtle changes maintain Transit's market lead



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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and where indicated by the symbol (6) on release across the country.

## CURRENT

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIMSHAW (12): Gauche but (Keisha Castle) fails for feisty aunt (Barbara Hershey), while a soap opera writer (Peter Fonda) weaves magic spells. Zestful translation of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel. Odessa (071-639 1533).

CHICKEN SICKERS (12): Over-stretched schoolboy comedy, with a schoolboy and his mother who contract chicken pox on a cattle trek. Starring David Stern. Director, Ron Underwood. Odessa Leicester Square (0425 915883).

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6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News  
9.05 Kirov. Robert Kirov-Silk chairs a discussion on infertility – should treatment be free? 9.50 Hot Chefs. Paul Gayler prepares a vegetarian dish – salade of roasted vegetables with mozzarella and polenta croutons  
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 The Family News (r) 10.35 Antiques Roadshow. Gems. Hugh Sculley dips into the archives and picks out a painting on a shirt cuff and an early sketch by Millais  
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 No Kidding. Quiz show for families (r) 11.30 People Today. Russell Grant goes on patrol with the New York police department; Tim Grundy talks to pop star Alice Cooper; and Philip Hodson has advice on emotional problems. Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00  
12.20 Pebble Mill. Today's guest in the foyer is artist Beryl Cook 12.55 Regional news and weather  
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather  
1.30 Neighbours. (Castles) (s) 1.45 Four Square. General knowledge quiz game hosted by John Seddon (s)  
2.15 Knots Landing. West coast spin-off from the Dallas saga. In this episode, Abby is beside herself with grief when she discovers her daughter has eloped with a man 3.00 Better Than New. Albert Jackson and David Day illustrate how to renovate furniture (r) 3.25 The Hogan Family. American comedy-musical series 3.50 Penny Crayon. Animated series (r) 4.00 Human Scale. Three picture book stories told by Celia Imrie, Wilma Ruston and David Jaffrey (s) 4.10 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (s) 4.25 Pigsty. Animation 4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. (Ceefax) 5.00 Newsround with Juliet Morris 5.05 Blitz Peter presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. Weather 6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Mark Greenstreet, Alex Higgins and Auberon Waugh. Music is provided by Take That (s)  
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine  
8.00 Telly Addicts. In the first of the quarter-finals of the television programme quiz the Jones family from Worcester and Bristol meet the Marks family from Southgate in north London



Sally talks a goldfish bowl-enshrouded Martha Holmes (8.30pm)

8.30 Sea Trek: The Great Barrier Reef. **o** CHOICE: Any television programme about which it is said that it features "the greatest sex show on earth" can be assured of a sizeable audience. It would, presumably, include some viewers who would not normally be seen dead watching a film about humans gliding through the world of the fish. But more of this later. *Sea Trek* is presented superbly by two amphibians, Martha Holmes and Mike McGaugh, who have their heads stuck in gigantic goldfish bowls. They allow them to hear them, though not perfectly because of the air bubbles. They never stop talking. Even when they break surface and tread water, they talk. But back to the sex. Tonight's film climaxes with an astonishing sequence in which the world's most famous coral releases so many eggs and sperm that the goldfish bowl duo are rendered invisible and (almost) speechless. (Ceefax)  
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather  
9.30 Panorama. David Dimbleby chairs a debate on how the UK should respond to the rapidly growing number of refugees seeking residence in Britain. Among those taking part are Roy Hattersley, MP, and Anthony Soper, QC, chairman of the Bar Council.  
10.10 Cop Rock. Very strange musical drama about the Los Angeles police, created by Steven Bochco who was responsible for *Hill Street Blues*. Northern Ireland: Now and Then 10.40 The Stand 11.00 The Victorian Kitchen. Ruth Molt recreates a Victorian afternoon tea comprising strawberry ice-cream, caraway-seed cake, cucumber sandwiches and claret cup flavoured with borage (r). (Ceefax). Wales: Face Off; Northern Ireland: 11.20 Cop Rock 11.30 Skilletshop. Magazine series with advice on jobs and training. Wales: The Victorian Kitchen 12.00 Weather. Wales: Skilletshop. Northern Ireland: 12.10am The Victorian Kitchen 12.40-1.10 Skilletshop

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**ANGLIA**  
As London except: 2.20pm Gilders for All 5.00-5.30am Keri 6.25-7.00 Anglia 10.45 Journey to 10.00 London Channel 12.05-12.30 London Cray

**BORDER**  
As London except: 1.30pm-3.15 Film: *Spiderland* 5.15-5.45 Handover 6.00-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Film: In the Belly of the Beast 12.30 Superstars of Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King's *The Horror* 2.50 Film: The Psycho 3.40 American Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Men and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobholder

**CENTRAL**  
As London except: 2.20pm Gilders for All 5.00-5.30 Journey to 10.45-10.55 London 11.00-11.15 Film: Night of the 12.35am Prisoner 1.30 Film: Los 3.20 Entertainment UK 4.20 Grand Cntr Opys 6.50-6.30 Jobs

**GRANADA**  
As London except: 1.30pm-3.15 Dramatic School 3.55-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.25 My Secret 6.00-6.05 Granada Tonight 6.30-6.35 Open Eye 11.10 News 10.40 The Works 11.00 Film: Night of the 12.35am Prisoner 1.30 Film: Los 3.20 Entertainment UK 4.20 Grand Cntr Opys 6.50-6.30 Jobs

8.00 News  
8.15 Six Faces of Royalty. Elizabeth I is the subject of Roy Strong's second programme in the series in which he looks for clues to the real character and personality of English sovereigns in the way they have been painted (r)  
8.30 Forgotten Pilots. David Lomax with the story of women who flew for the Air Transport Auxiliary during the second world war (r)  
9.00 Daytime on 2: In the Know. (Ceefax) 9.10 Lemexpress 9.25 Metaphysics 9.45 Storyline 10.00 Mathscope 10.18 Music Time (s) 10.40 Working as a dental technician 11.00 Zig Zag: The Vikings 11.22 Think About Science 11.35 Housing Problems in Tokyo 11.55 The Soviet Union's economic plight 12.15 History File 12.35 Careers: Getting into Television 1.00 Science in Action 1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm 1.30 Jimbo and the Jet Set 1.40 Victorian Children  
2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime (r) 2.15 Westminster Reports (r). Northern Ireland: A Taste of Ireland: Wales: A Crumbling Heritage 2.45 Science and Society. The science of echography which measures the inside of objects using ultrasound  
3.00 News and weather followed by Songs of Praise from Chapel Street Methodist Church, Penzance (r). (Ceefax) (s) 3.40 Canvas. Yvonne Mitchell is in the Louvre admiring the Venus de Milo, the statue found in a field in 1820 (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather  
4.00 The Nut House. American comedy series (r) 4.25 The History of the British McNamee visits Chernobyl on the Tyneside birthplace of master engraver Thomas Bawick (r) 4.30 Trivial Pursuit. Rory McGrath invites four contestants to play the television version of the popular board game (r). (Ceefax)



Colin Perry and Glynis Kinnock with Mavis Nicholson (5.00pm)

5.00 Relatively Speaking. In this first of a new series, Mavis Nicholson talks to Glynis Kinnock and her brother Colin Perry about their early roots in politics  
5.30 One in Four. This week's edition of the magazine series on disability matters examines the issue of race and disability from an American viewpoint  
6.00 DEF II begins with Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. The start of the second series of adventures about a street-wise native of inner-city Philadelphia living with his rich relations in California 6.45 Dance Energy presented by Normski. Club and music magazine with, performing live in the studio, Rozalla and Siemiat and Lime (s)  
7.15 Environment Now. Toxic Waste – a light-hearted look at the environment  
8.00 Open Space: Bleating over Europe. David Wilkins, on behalf of Eurogroup for Animal Welfare, puts the case against the inhumane transportation of farm animals across Europe. (Ceefax)  
8.00 Nature Secrets in the Sand. David Jesso investigates the complaints that they cannot return to their tribal homelands because they were used by the British as a nuclear test site. (Ceefax)  
8.30 Film: *Chocolates* (1986) starring George C. Scott and Jacqueline Bisset. A drama about a right-to-life judge who is faced with a moral dilemma when his young wife and his unwed teenage daughter both have unwanted pregnancies. Directed by David Lowell Rich. (Ceefax)  
10.00 Naked Video. Comedy from the Scottish team of Louise Beattie, Gregor Fisher, Andy Gray, Helen Lederer, Tony Roper, Ealing C. Smith and Jonathan Watson. (Ceefax) (s)  
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow  
11.15 The Late Show. Granta magazine editor Bill Buford and journalist Stuart Coagrove explore the world of the football hooligan. Plus music from the band Primal Scream (s)  
11.55 Weather

TV5  
As London except: 2.15pm Coast to Coast 2.45-3.15 Action 5.10-6.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On 20.20-2.20 Gilders for All 5.10-5.45 Home and Away 6.00-7.00 Country Way 10.40-12.30 Film: Bring on the Drums 8.00-9.00

**TYNE TEES**  
As Tyne West except: 6.00pm Wales at 5k 6.30-7.00 Primetime

**SCOTTISH**  
As London except: 1.30pm Blockbusters 2.00-2.20 Jack Thompson Down Under 2.45-2.50 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.45 Scottish Women's 11.45 For Dafydd 11.55 The Last of the Red Coat 12.30 The Last of the Red Coat 1.30-2.00 Stephen King 2.05 Film: The Psycho 3.40-3.50 Top 4.10 The Hit Men and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobholder

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## Attali warns of war and want

By COLIN NARBROUGH  
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A SERIOUS risk of nuclear war between the former Soviet republics and starvation in some Russian cities this winter were elements of a scenario painted yesterday by the French head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Jacques Attali, who leads the London-based bank set up this year explicitly to help transform the countries of the crumbling Soviet bloc into market economies, made his alarming predictions in an interview on Channel 4 television.

The Ukraine parliament's decision last week to take control of nuclear weapons on its territory aroused fears in the West that several former Soviet republics could soon go nuclear. Mr Attali said that if the West failed to open its borders and provide technical assistance to the East, there would be economic and social collapse followed by national socialism or populism.

"The risk is to see 15 countries, some of them nuclear, at war," he said, underlining that, while nuclear weapons have always been managed as a tool for stability, a "simple mathematical theorem shows that stability decreases with the number of players."

On the prospects for the Soviet people this winter, Mr Attali questioned whether the situation would be as bad as widely forecast, but criticised the breakdown of the economic system as "not civilised organisation". He foresaw the possibility of starvation in some cities.

Despite his gloomy comments about possible developments in the former Soviet Union, Mr Attali said he expected some ex-communist countries to join a common economic space with western Europe within 15 years. He said a meeting of 40 European countries could be called at short notice to discuss a free trade pact along the lines of the European Economic Area accord reached in Luxembourg last Tuesday.

"We can do that tomorrow and give to the new continental community both a political and an economic role in fostering free trade," he said.

## Borrowing set to recover

THE international capital markets look set to recover, after their first significant setback for a decade in 1990, and borrowing could climb to an all-time high this year, according to a report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The Paris-based organisation said overall borrowing in the first eight months of this year was up 14 per cent at \$320.5 billion, which was broadly in line with average growth during the late Eighties. If the pace of borrowing is sustained, the total could exceed \$500 billion for the full year, well above the 1989 peak of \$466.5 billion.

Uncertainties over the Gulf conflict and weak economic growth last year brought borrowing down by 7.5 per cent last year to \$431.9 billion.

Japan was the biggest borrower in the first eight months of this year, taking up \$54.8 billion, with Britain in second place with \$41.5 billion.

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## CHANGE ON WEEK

### THE POUND

US dollar  
1.7112 (-0.0088)  
German mark  
2.9090 (-0.0038)  
Exchange index  
90.3 (-0.1)  
Bank of England official  
deposit (4pm)

STOCK MARKET  
FT 30 share  
1929.3 (-66.2)  
FT-SE 100  
2514.7 (-86.4)  
New York Dow Jones  
3004.92 (-72.3)  
Tokyo Nikkei Average  
24906.43 (+11.61)

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## Societies ombudsman to rule on obsolete saver accounts

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STEPHEN Edell, the building societies ombudsman, is expected to rule soon on whether savers should receive compensation if a society introduces an account paying a higher rate of interest without telling them.

Mr Edell has received a large number of complaints from investors who have put money into accounts offering the highest rate of interest and then have found, months or years later, that a better rate is being paid on a new account. A large

number of the complaints involve the Nationwide Building Society, which at the end of last year introduced a new 90-day account that paid a higher rate of interest, but would not let those savers in the original 90-day account transfer immediately to the new one without loss of interest.

The savers had to give 90 days' notice before they could transfer to the new account. Many members complained to the ombudsman, and a decision on whether they should receive compensation is expected in the next few weeks. One

Nationwide member put a resolution before the second largest society's annual meeting this summer. The Rev Vivian Singh wanted the society to be obliged to inform savers when a better rate was offered on a new similar account and for the Nationwide to backdate the improved rate of interest to the launch of the new account for existing savers. Although Mr Singh received almost 90,000 votes, the society won the day by using proxy votes. Mr Singh hopes to be elected to the board of the society next year.

Societies have always tended to offer

lower rates of return on obsolete or closed savings accounts. They have argued that it is up to savers to keep checking which are the best accounts available. They also advertise new competitive accounts.

Savers with many societies have complained this year to the ombudsman about the lack of information they receive to help them make informed choices. Societies and banks are, as a result, beginning to realise that it does not pay to annoy existing savers by giving newcomers more. Abbey National, National Westminster Bank and Nationwide have now started

contacting existing investors when launching new similar accounts. It is cheaper for them to do so rather than attract new savers when old ones have withdrawn their money in disgust.

In his annual report, Mr Edell, told societies that they should include details of defunct accounts on their rate cards and posters and should detail their interest rates in change or rates advertisements. He did not advise them to write individually to savers in existing accounts. A backlog of cases may delay Mr Edell's ruling to the end of the year.

## Surveys show confidence increasing

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government and businesses hard hit by the recession are expected to welcome the boost in confidence that will be signalled tomorrow by the Confederation of British Industry and which shows in the latest Institute of Directors survey.

The two-monthly survey of directors shows that a majority are more optimistic about the economy and the outlook for their own companies compared with fewer than half in the previous survey conducted during August.

Ministers received indications before the weekend of the findings of the latest authoritative quarterly industrial trends survey from the CBI, which they believe con-

firms the claims made by John Major, the prime minister, and Norman Lamont, the chancellor, that the economy is beginning to recover.

Treasury officials were reluctant to draw firm conclusions from similar findings last week from the less well-established survey from chambers of commerce around Britain.

John Banham, CBI director general, believes the confederation's survey is a better monitor of the state of the economy than many of the government's statistical indicators.

The results of the CBI October survey, though, are far from an unequivocal endorsement of the view that the recession is ending. CBI insiders stressed yesterday that the survey was still not

painting a clear picture of the current state of British business, which was to be expected at turning-points in the economy.

Hard indicators of firm movements in business are not yet showing any signs of a real upturn. Though the position of domestic orders has improved, tomorrow's survey is still expected to show a negative balance, with more companies replying to the survey still showing falling orders than those registering increases.

But some economists are stressing that such indicators, though firm, are essentially backward-looking and that the economy has already moved on from the position the CBI survey and others are describing, and that the signs of real value are those delineated by the forward-looking measures.

The CBI survey tomorrow will show marked improvements in such indicators, with overall business confidence, for instance, registering its best level since October 1988.

The positive balance in the confidence indicator, with more companies now optimistic about general business prospects than those remaining pessimistic, will be reflected to a lesser extent in an increase in the number of manufacturing companies expecting output to improve over the next four months.

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# Salomon prepares to pay penalty for US bond cheating

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

SALOMON Brothers Inc, the disgraced Wall Street investment bank fighting to maintain credibility, will tomorrow unveil what it expects to pay in penalties for breaking the US Treasury bond market rules in the scandal that broke two months ago.

Analysts say it will be at least \$250 million and some have forecast the figure could climb to \$1 billion, a sum likely to wipe out most of this year's profits and certainly cause the bank to report a loss in the July-September quarter.

Profits for the first six

months of this year, which covers a large portion of the time Salomon was violating bond market dealing rules, were more than \$400 million on revenues of almost \$5 billion.

But internal calculations released in a 76-page report by Salomon last week, shows that compared to the size of its business, the bank made a tiny profit from unlawful trading in eight auctions between December last year and May.

The bank's figures indicate that it made almost five times as much profit when it was not

cheating as it did when breaking the rules. Unlawful profits accounted for 20 per cent of the total and were barely enough to cover the annual bonus of Paul Mozer, its chief government bond market trader who has been dismissed.

Salomon, under investigation by four government agencies and the subject of almost 40 legal actions, made most of its unlawful profit last May when it admitted capturing almost 90 per cent of the market in two-year Treasury bonds, gaining for itself two and half times the legal limit.

In that auction alone — where Salomon is accused of "squeezing" the market by gaining control of prices by which it could dictate its own profits — the bank made between \$2.63 million and \$3.51 million.

The figure represents almost 80 per cent of what is claimed as the total profits from improper dealings in all eight auctions, which totals between \$3.3 million and \$4.6 million.

Profits made in the eight auctions from bona fide bids are estimated by analysts at almost \$20 million, the bulk of which was made in May.

Sources close to the scandal say the bank's figures are insufficient to justify profit as a motive for unlawful behaviour.

Mr Mozer, who was sacked by Salomon as part of swift action taken on the scandal by Warren Buffett, the new interim chairman, routinely took home between \$3 million and \$4.6 million in annual pay and bonuses. In the three years between 1988 and 1990 Salomon paid him \$11 million.

Close observers of the crisis say the motive for the affair was arrogance and pride, which stemmed from the ego-inflated culture encouraged at what was the third-largest player in the Treasury bond market and among the most powerful investment banks on Wall Street.

Sweeping changes to the system of selling government debt will take effect on November 5 in an attempt to break up the cosy club known as the primary dealers, through which the US government sells its debt to investors.

The privileged circle of 39 trusted banks — Salomon is still allowed as a member on a restricted basis of those eligible to bid directly for government debt — is being extensively widened. Jerome Powell, assistant Treasury secretary, said: "There has been a perception that some insiders have enjoyed a competitive advantage. This is an attempt to level the playing field."

## Prospects shine for solar power success

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP growth in solar cell production is being forecast. Some analysts estimate that by the year 2000 the industry will be worth between \$5 billion and \$10 billion, with an annual growth rate of 20 per cent.

The growing confidence in photovoltaic technology, devices which turn free sunlight into clean electricity, was highlighted by the announcement that Swiss scientists have made a low-cost thin-film cell made from titanium oxide that mimics the efficiency of photosynthesis in plants.

Meanwhile, solar cell companies will this year be investing about \$60 million in new production facilities and research worldwide as demand for devices outstrips supply. In 1981, between \$4 million and \$5 million was spent, experts estimate.

Robert Hill, professor of optoelectronics at Newcastle polytechnic and a leading solar cell expert, said: "We are at the bottom of the S-shaped

curve that all markets go through and are just starting to rise."

He believes the solar sector is poised to become as large as the electricity supply industry, which is dominated by such companies as Westinghouse, GEC-Alsthom and Bechtel.

Fifteen years ago, the cost per unit of electricity was between \$4 and \$5 a kilowatt hour for a conventional crystalline silicon cell. Today, the cost is between 40p and 50p a unit of electricity, and about \$4 a module — the industry's official measure — and falling fast. Professor Hill said: "This compares with over £1 a unit for diesel and £1,000 per unit for battery generation in some parts of the Third World."

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## Macarthy on the attack

By MARTIN BARROW

GRAMPIAN Holdings faces a renewed attack on its accounting policies as Macarthy, the retailer and pharmaceuticals manufacturer, seeks to undermine the Scottish conglomerate's £63.9 million hostile bid, which closes on Friday.

Macarthy, owner of Savory & Moore, claimed in its final defence document that Grampians used last-minute property deals, "dubious" extraordinary charges and deferred costs to inflate profits over the past two years and support its share price. The charges were

dismissed by Grampians and attracted a mixed response from analysts.

Robert Gibson, a conglomerates analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, said: "Macarthy should have issued a dividend or profit forecast instead of attacking the bidder's accounting policies. "To us it smacks of a weak defence, all the more so since we believe we can answer most of these matters," said Mr Gibson.

Grampians is offering 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares, valuing each

Macarthy share at 285p. Macarthy shareholders will also retain the 5p interim dividend.

Key Macarthy shareholders are John Govett, the fund manager, with 16.8 per cent Scottish Amicable with 8.2 per cent and Phillips & Drew Fund Management with 7.7 per cent.

Lloyds Chalcots, which has said it will bid again for Macarthy subject to clearance by the monopolies commission, will not accept the offer in respect of its 9.9 per cent shareholding.

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## Bata retraces footsteps via Czech privatisation

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BANKERS Trust International, the American bank that negotiated the sale by the Czech republic of a large part of its shoe industry to the Canadian Bata group, has achieved a rare feat.

"In most privatisations, people complain that you are giving away the family silver. In this instance, we are selling the silver back to the family," said Alex Seippel, of Bata's London office.

The factory being taken over by Bata was once part of a family business controlled by Tomas Bata, the Canadian group's 77-year-old Czech-born chairman. The deal, effective in January, confirms the gathering pace of the Czech privatisation programme.

Throughout the Czech republic this week, managers will be sitting down to put the finishing touches to plans to privatise the busi-

nesses in which they work. Thursday is the deadline given by the republic's ministries of industry and trade to 1,700 companies to produce proposals for their transfer to the private sector. A second wave of companies has until May 31 next year to come up with its plans.

The disposal programme by the largest of Czechoslovakia's republics offers an opportunity for western companies to gain a foothold in the richness of the former communist states.

Czechoslovakia has opted for a hybrid method of transferring former state assets into private hands. Every Czech over the age of 18 will be able to buy, for a small fee, a sheaf of vouchers, which will be used to "bid" for shares in state-controlled enterprises. Demand will determine share allocations. But the way will also be open for foreign concerns to buy a

significant holding in many of the companies. This method has the virtues of achieving a degree of popular ownership, while encouraging the inflow of

Toronto, from where he has built a business embracing 76 companies in 65 countries. Around the globe, Bata has 70,000 employees producing 300 million pairs of shoes a year.

Bata has agreed terms for the establishment of a new company, Bata CSFR, 70 per cent owned by Bata and 30 per cent by the National Property Fund of the Czech Republic.

When it begins operation in January, Bata CSFR will take control of a state shoe factory and 29 state shoe shops. Together, the activities employ 1,600 people. In addition, Bata CSFR will lease 17 stores from local municipalities. The outlets will give it 20 per cent of the market in a republic where 10 million people buy on average two pairs of shoes each year, compared with three pairs or more in the West.

Bata is expected to inject \$10 million initially to modernise the stores and factory, and will provide its own top management team, as well as undertaking a broad programme of training visits to its shops and factories elsewhere in Europe.

Bata intends to build a new factory producing women's shoes near the existing plant, and set up design and marketing centres. Half of its own output will be exported, largely to eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Bata intends to buy in four-fifths of the shoes sold in its stores.

Mr Bata has also begun talks with the Slovak Republic, which has a population of 5 million, with a view to reaching a similar deal there.

The deal has a special emotional significance for Mr Bata and his family. However, he also hopes his company's example will prove a model for other western businesses to follow.



## No easy ride for Harley

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, the glinting steel and chrome motorcycle group whose products symbolised the wind-in-the-hair freedom of the late Sixties, has tarnished its gleaming image with professional American money managers.

Shares in America's only surviving super-bike maker collapsed by 30 per cent last week in two days of heavy trading. The fall was prompted by disappointing profits and reports that three members of the board had sold more than \$8 million of shares in the preceding ten weeks.

An official inquiry has been launched by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Share dealing was halted on Wednesday afternoon after the price fell \$6.6 and Harley-Davidson was forced to issue a brief profit statement that had been scheduled for release on Thursday.

Third-quarter profits rose 37 per cent to \$8.9 million (\$6.5 million), but Wall Street had been expecting them to double and the shares fell further, notching up a two-day loss of \$18.125 to \$40.75. Over the past year the shares have risen from \$17.75 to \$60.75. They rallied slightly on Friday to close at \$42.

Lawrence Bowman, a fund manager for Fidelity Investments, told reporters: "I feel like I've been massacred. There was obviously a leak."

Documents lodged with the SEC show that Vaughan Beals, the chairman of Harley-Davidson, Jeffrey Bluestein, vice-president, and Timothy Hoehler, general counsel, sold a combined 143,750 shares over the past ten weeks when the share price was between \$55 and \$60.

James Ziener, chief finance director at Harley-Davidson, said that the company, founded in 1903, would fully co-operate in the inquiry.

Harley-Davidson says demand for its products remains strong but the company is still paying to remodel its paint shop to lift production from 275 to 300 bikes a day. Third-quarter sales were up 18 per cent to \$240.6 million. But the company's recreational vehicle business follows the recession cycle and lost \$4 million.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Whyte scents victory in Invergordon fight

WHYTE & Mackay, the American Brands subsidiary, is confident of winning its £350 million takeover battle for Invergordon Distillers after buying another 4 per cent of shares late last week. The 275p-a-share cash offer, which closes on Wednesday, has attracted acceptances from more than one third of Invergordon's employee shareholders.

Reports Kleinwort Benson, Whyte's adviser.

Whyte now owns 38 per cent of Invergordon and is believed to have decided to retain its shareholding if the bid fails, putting further pressure on the Invergordon board to discuss a merger. Invergordon directors, who could realise £19.4 million from their 3.5 per cent, will not sell. Neither with Robert Fleming, Invergordon's long-serving adviser, with 15 per cent, or Norwich Union, which has 6.7 per cent. Invergordon shares closed at 265p on Friday.

### Retailers advertise

RETAILERS have spent almost £480 million on advertising this year despite the recession and will invest more than £500 million next year, reports Verdict Research, the market research group. Retail advertising accounts for about one eighth of the whole sector, with the top 50 retail brands accounting for 88 per cent of all retail advertising in 1990 and the top 10 brands accounting for 30 per cent.

Spend by retailers is one of the few growth areas in advertising, and above-average growth in retail advertising is forecast for the next two years, much of it in the do-it-yourself sector. Overall advertising expenditure has, however, fallen. The heaviest retail spend is from the grocery trade, whose budget will reach almost £100 million by the end of this year although advertising represents only 0.23 per cent of sales.

### Drexel to re-emerge

DREXEL Burnham Lambert Group plans to emerge from bankruptcy next year as a small company called Newco with about 20 staff. Previously a Wall Street investment banking firm, it had about 5,700 employees when it filed for bankruptcy last year after pleading guilty to securities fraud and paying \$650 million in fines.

According to the company's bankruptcy disclosure filed on Friday, Newco is expected to have assets of \$450,000 by the end of next year, rising to \$732,800 by 1996. A trust will also be set up to distribute Drexel's assets. The trustees are George Gould, former US Treasury undersecretary; Robert Ritteriser, former chief executive of the EF Hutton Group; and Paul Walker, a financial consultant. A hearing on the statement is scheduled for November 21 in Manhattan.

### Hawker cool on sales

HAWKER Siddeley is playing down speculation of an imminent wave of sell-offs, foreshadowed on October 10 as part of the engineering group's defence against the £1.5 billion bid from BTR. Hawker is more likely to await the end of the bid period before making significant disposals.

Last week, Guardian Royal Exchange sold its 3.84 per cent Hawker stake to BTR, which now controls 6.5 per cent. Alan Jackson, BTR's chief executive, said BTR would continue to buy Hawker shares if there was a good opportunity. He thought Hawker's document, which questioned BTR's management and accounting policies, was "awful". BTR formally said it had acquired 7.53 million Hawker shares at 710p, representing 4.7 per cent. Other acceptances representing 1.8 per cent of Hawker's capital lifted its total holding by the end of last week to 12.84 million shares.

### McDonnell close to jet launch

By OUR CITY STAFF

MCDONNELL Douglas Corporation is close to launching the MD-12 jet as the first serious competitor to Boeing's 747 jumbo jet. McDonnell said the actual launch of the \$4 billion programme depends on reaching final agreements with MD-12 investment partners, selection of a final assembly site and sufficient airline orders.

The three-engine MD-12 will carry 375 people in three class compartments or up to 9,200 miles. The jet is derived from McDonnell's MD-11 trijet, but will have a longer wing and a longer fuselage.

McDonnell was disappointed recently when Singapore Airlines aborted its \$3.1 billion order for 20 MD-11s and ordered aircraft worth \$3.4 billion from Airbus Industries. Singapore said the MD-11 was found wanting.

McDonnell said it was holding talks on strategic alliances with Asian partners that could offer low-cost production and access to markets in their region. McDonnell said the talks include substantial minority equity investment in McDonnell's commercial jet transport business.



**When Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, rises to speak at the Mansion House on Thursday evening, his audience should not brace itself for generous outpourings on changes to monetary and funding policy. There will be no bold move into the narrow bands of the exchange-rate mechanism this side of the general election. Nor is any daring new flourish on monetary union likely, given the mounting tension between the government, its European partners and the European Commission. Unlike the banquet before him, the Chancellor's monetary fare will be meagre, as is the evidence of the long-awaited recovery.**

His main offering will be confidence, a revival of which the cabinet has tried to impress on an electorate all too aware of the tangible effects of recession. Mr Lamont will speak in the knowledge that the latest Confederation of British Industry survey shows manufacturers at their most optimistic for three years. Yet, even after the CBI findings have been added to the mountain of survey evidence pointing to

optimism reborn, the signals from the economy suggest it is still "bumping along the bottom", headed for very gradual recovery.

The merit of confidence surveys, which have been significantly better than Whitehall and City forecasters in spotting turning points, is that they are based on the views of real players in commerce and industry, not on extrapolations from misleading, or lagging, official statistics. As confidence is the crucial ingredient to enterprise, measuring it ought to be a good guide to the nation's prospects.

New wars are usually fought with the outmoded arms and strategies of past conflicts. The danger is that businessmen are interpreting the end of the latest recession using assumptions which belong firmly to the past, before entry to the ERM last October. No longer is the Chancellor free to cut interest rates, or let the currency weaken,

according to the requirements of the domestic economy. Obliged to defend the exchange rate, he now has to ensure that the differential between German and British interest rates is sufficient to maintain a shine on sterling. A run on the pound, would be a pre-election disaster. The 4½-point reduction in base rates since joining the ERM has virtually exhausted the Chancellor's scope for further cuts. A further cut may be possible early next year, but it will depend on German rates, soon expected to go up.

Business may also be having difficulty in realising that they face a prolonged period of slow growth and low inflation that will replace Britain's boom and bust tradition: it would be wrong to

assume that because the the turn into recession was far worse than expected, the upturn will be sharp. Such symmetry cannot be expected under the new monetary order.

Survey evidence points to a recovery in consumer confidence too. This probably reflects lower interest rates and easier mortgage payments more than anything else. Unemployment is rising, albeit at a slower pace, and bankruptcies and house repossession are still on the increase. The pain may be less severe, but it has certainly not stopped. Furthermore, the trauma of two deep recessions in a decade has induced a caution that could prevent the resurgence in consumer spending the Treasury

would probably be more useful this year for him to speak to the German metalworkers union. For it is the high pay demands of unions in eastern and western Germany which are foremost among the Bundesbank's concerns. Could Margaret Thatcher have imagined that her victory over union power in Britain would leave the economy at the mercy of the union structure Britain imposed on Germany after the war?

The Germans intend to pursue the counter-inflation policy best suited to containing their domestic inflationary pressures. Whatever worries may persist about recovery in Britain and America, or a slowdown in Japan, the Bundesbank will be guided by its mandate to secure price stability.

The German steelworkers last week ignored pleas from the Bundesbank, the Bonn government and the economic institutes for wage moderation and tabled a demand of 10 per cent. With annual inflation in western Germany set to climb to a peak of around 5 per cent next spring, the Bundesbank has only one option.

## ERM limits Lamont's menu

### ECONOMIC VIEW

COLIN NARBROUGH

## Yanks and banks reduce Big Bang to a whimper

Five years on, the City's electronic revolution has not realised its potential, writes Martin Waller



Goodbye to all that: since Big Bang, screens have replaced face-to-face dealing by brokers and jobbers on the floor of the Stock Exchange

for some time again," he said. Willing buyers were found, during the longest bull market in history, in the big overseas institutions, which swallowed up the old firms of brokers and jobbers - and the merchant banks - to create integrated financial institutions. "They clearly thought the bull market would never come to an end, and they paid over the odds," said Mr Parkinson.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange at the time of Big Bang, ditched was the system of fixed commissions that was felt to keep costs too high to tempt in small private investors, and it opened up Stock Exchange membership to the players with big money: the banks, British and overseas.

Cecil Parkinson, then trade secretary, takes the widely held view that the earlier rule book had had to be torn up to allow London to survive as a leading financial centre. "The Stock Exchange was an old boys' club, closed to anybody whose face didn't fit. It was little more than a provincial stock exchange, from which all the leading players in the world were excluded."

He believes there would have been a shake-out in the City, crash or no crash, particularly as the British economy entered the recession. "People in the Stock Exchange were making money like they had never made it before, and were able to sell their businesses on multiples of profit which won't be seen

hit each other, and the last one standing was judged the winner. The new owners of City institutions found themselves playing their own variation; they each absorbed the crippling losses, in the belief that the game would go to the end to any survivors.

There were casualties. Most of the actual old City names had disappeared, subsumed into the morass of the integrated securities houses but there is no question that London has succeeded in wooing business away from German and French markets.

Sir Nicholas and Mr Parkinson are the two most visible engineers of the new regime, and might be expected to take a rosy view. It is not shared by Brian Winterflood, long regarded as a maverick in the City, whose Winterflood Securities has carved a niche dealing in small stocks.

The aim was to break up a cosy cartel of just 15 jobbers, for example, who controlled the stock market, says Mr Winterflood. But the small firms could not compete against the big institutions. "It's now a much tighter cartel of six players doing 90 per cent of the business." He identifies two culprits for driving the small firms out of the market: "Yanks and banks."

The banks overheat the jobs market by overpaying, while the Americans did the same for property, by spending huge amounts on high-tech dealing facilities that the new, slimmer-down City neither needs nor can afford, he says. "In five years' time there will still be the banks, al-

though the Yanks may have intentions and their full implementation they don't make any money."

Mr Parkinson believes the government did its best to allow the small firms time to make their arrangements, by granting a three-and-a-half-year gap between announcement of the government's

ish net export earnings. Overseas earnings jumped 61 per cent in the first full year after Big Bang. Paul Mason, of British Invisibles, the trade group, said: "It eliminated what was one of Britain's weakest elements: too small an international equity market."

Small share trading is in worse shape than before, but the large market-making operations have become a leading attraction, pulling in European and Asian company shares as well. Foreign shares now account for as much volume as domestic issues.

Andrew Davis, a consultant at Touche Ross, said: "The UK securities market has been almost kept alive by the international profits over the last four or five years."

The international business was partly boosted by London's low costs and high investment in technology. Sir Nicholas cites deregulation of the markets in Frankfurt and Paris as a response to the competitive edge London has in the European time zone.

That edge would be blunted, he believes, not by the impact of other deregulated markets or by a flight of capital into a

monument. The best candidate lies on Lower Thames Street, a bleak dual carriage-way that is home to several big City institutions. Billingsgate fish market was thawed out, refurbished and expensively converted into a high-tech dealing floor by Sir Richard Rogers for Citicorp.

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### A mine of information

S G WARBURG has secured something of a coup in getting octogenarian Harry Oppenheimer to speak today at its two-day high-powered seminar on international mining. Oppenheimer, who is now rarely seen on public platforms but remains a legendary figure throughout the world, might reveal some of his mining secrets, but there could be one he would wish to keep. Today is his 83rd birthday. When the strains of "Happy Birthday" have died down, those attending the conference (No Press, By Order!) will also hear the other great and the good of the mining world - Sir Derek Birkin of RTZ, Allen Born of Amax and Peter Monk of American Barrick among them. It might be standing room only, but Warburgs has at least found space for Michael Beckett, in his capacity as chairman of Mon-

arch Resources. Beckett and Oppenheimer are no strangers. It was Oppenheimer's Minorco group that bid, and failed, in 1988, to buy Consolidated Gold Fields, of which Beckett was a fighting director.

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Graeme Lee, the minister of internal affairs. He says he wants to increase "monarchy awareness".

### Wedding reception

ONE of Wedd Durfacher's old watering holes, the Bishop of Norwich, Moorgate, will resound to the noise of familiar voices this week. Michael Gray, former research partner at Wedd, is holding his fifth birthday bash there tomorrow, helped along by friends from his Wedd days. Gray, who retired from Wedd after Big Bang with a handsome payoff, and now acts as a consultant, might look a little off-colour on the evening. "I collided with a wall while playing squash and sprained a ligament," he laments.

### Rugby bubbly

SINCE football is supposedly a gentleman's game played by hooligans, and rugby a hooli-

gan's game played by gentlemen, there are those who would argue that the latter ought to have a far greater following within the Square Mile than the former. If that is indeed the case then there must be plenty of City slickers who would happily forgo their Christmas bonuses in return for a pair of tickets for Saturday's world cup rugby final. For far less than that Moet & Chandon is offering four north stand tickets. All you have to do is tell me, as fully as possible, what the connection is between the chief executive of Slough Estates and Wayne Shelford, the former All Blacks captain. The first correct answer, in writing, will win two tickets plus a magnum of Moet, signed by England captain Will Carling; the second correct answer will win two tickets alone. Entries will be opened on Thursday morning, so don't forget to supply a telephone number.

CAROL LEONARD

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## REPORTING THIS WEEK

# Recession expected to take its toll of M&S's interim profits

**MARKS** and Spencer, the high street retail chain, reports on Wednesday and is still considered by many to be the bellwether of the United Kingdom's retail sector.

The glare of recession is likely to have finally melted some of M&S's usually resilient profits. The company is likely to have seen some erosion in UK retail sales, estimated to be down by about 2 per cent, affected by depressed consumer spending and the impact of the Indian summer on the sale of autumn lines.

However, this will be partially offset by a relatively healthy performance from the food side, which accounts for about 43 per cent of UK sales. Food operations, helped by further benefits from Epos, have been "fairly resilient".

David Robinson, an analyst at Nikko Securities, forecasts a decline in first-half pre-tax profits to £219.4 million, from £230.8 million last time, excluding any property profits. Market forecasts range from £212 million to £230 million. Mr Robinson predicts an increase in the interim dividend to 2.1p (2p).

Analysts await news on whether the group plans a withdrawal from Canada. Richard Greenbury, chairman and chief executive of M&S, has vowed he would put an end to losses there.

News is also awaited from America on Brooks Brothers, the low-performance Ivy League men's outfitters for which M&S paid \$750 million in 1988. Attention will focus on any indications of current trading conditions, which are still thought to be tough, as well as prospects for the all-important Christmas period.

## TODAY

**Cook** (William), the steel castings group based in Sheffield, is expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £4.1 million (£5.5 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. However, the company is forecast to maintain its interim dividend at 3p.

**Interim** Allied Provincial Securities, Blacks Leisure, Channel Tunnel Investments, Cook (William), Moss Bros Group, Turriff Corporation.

**Finals** Bolton Group, TR Far East Income Trust.



**Healthy advance** but Sir Denis Henderson's ICI is still expected to show a decline over the nine-month period

**Economic statistics** Engineering sales and orders at current constant prices (August).

## TOMORROW

**SmithKline Beecham**, the pharmaceuticals and health products group, should continue to see post-merger cost-cutting and synergy benefits.

The group is expected to report an advance in pre-tax profits to £725 million (£634 million) for the nine-month period, according to Andrew Porter, an analyst at Nikko Securities. Mr Porter forecasts a third-quarter dividend of 3.75p (3.4p) per share, making 11.25p for the nine months.

Analysts will be looking for some signs of sales growth during the third quarter.

**Interims** Acorn Computer Group, Bradford Property Trust, International Business Communications, Rademac Group, Ralston Investment Trust, Seafied, SmithKline Beecham (third quarter), Thames

Electronics, Gencor, Harmony Leisure Group.

**Economic statistics** London sterling certificates of deposit (September); monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets) (September); bill turnover (September); sterling commercial paper; September provisional analysis of bank lending for house purchase (third quarter); CBI industrial trends survey (October).

## WEDNESDAY

**Reed** International, the publishing group, is still having a

tough time and is likely to unveil depressed first-half results, reflecting weak advertising markets in Britain and America, as well as fierce competition in the television listings market.

Pre-tax profits are forecast to decline to £79 million (£108.8 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew, with earnings per share expected to fall to 10.1p (13.7p). However, P&D predicts an improved interim dividend of 5.25p (5p). Market forecasts range from £75 million to £80 million for the quarter.

ICI will have benefited from

strong growth in pharmaceuticals and loss-elimination in agrochemicals and materials.

In addition, profits will be boosted by the £14 million from the disposal of ICI's 25 per cent stake in its associate, Ellis & Everard, while cost reductions will be starting to come through in some areas.

Further news is awaited on the profit improvement programme. Mr Doreé said: "We believe it is a turnaround for ICI, but not a turnaround for economic conditions." He expects a continued recovery, with "almost double" fourth-quarter profits and he forecasts pre-tax profits of £875 million (£977 million) for the full year.

**Thames Water**, the UK's largest water company, starts the interim reporting season for the water companies. UBS Phillips & Drew expects tax-

able profits of £123 million, against £113 million. Market forecasts range from £122 million to £127 million. UBS Phillips expects an interim dividend of 6.5p (6p).

**Interims** Delyn Group, Derwent Valley Holdings, Fleming Universal Investment Trust, Imperial Chemical Industries (third quarter), Midland & Scottish Resources, Thames Water, Tidow Oil, Wairford Investments, WB Industries.

**Finals** Smart (J) & Co (Contractors). **Economic statistics** Energy trends (August).

## FRIDAY

**British Telecom** is expected to ring in with second-quarter pre-tax profits ahead by 3 per cent to £815 million (£791 million), making £1.64 billion (£1.53 billion) for the half year, according to Patrick Wellington, at County NatWest Macmillan. Market forecasts range from £800 million to £840 million.

Mr Wellington predicts an interim dividend of 5.8p (5.25p). Last time's profits included a £43 million property gain so underlying growth is nearer 9 per cent, which is "pretty respectable".

**Interims** BDA Holdings, British Paving, RIT Capital Partners, TDS Circuits, Upton & Southern Holdings.

**Finals** BBB Design Group, Shell Oil (third quarter).

PHILIP PANGALOS

## Morgan Crucible buys more US firms

By COLIN CAMPBELL

**MORGAN** Crucible, a world leader in industrial materials, which raised £96 million through a rights issue in April, is finalising the purchase of three more companies in America for a total outlay of around \$50 million.

The three companies embrace technical ceramics, mechanical carbon and electrical carbon interests, and their acquisition will further entrench Morgan's position in those respective fields. A formal announcement about completion is likely next month.

One of the American concerns has interests in Germany to which Morgan was especially attracted. The group is fast developing its core interests across eastern Europe and in Russia and China.

Morgan Crucible raised fresh capital in April in order to take advantage of several bargain-basement opportunities worldwide that have become evident during the recession. At the time of the rights issue, the group said it had five deals in mind.

After funding the three deals, Morgan's cash balances will still be a healthy £50 million. In September, Morgan Crucible announced pre-tax profits of £28.5 million (£26.6 million) for the six months to end-June, and an interim dividend of 5.75p.

**Compaq** loss  
Compaq Computer has ousted Rod Canion, its co-founder, after it announced 1,440 job cuts, took a \$135 million charge and reported a \$70.3 million third-quarter loss.

## CAPITAL MARKETS

## Allied-Lyons case blows cover for corporate treasurers

EVER since Allied-Lyons blew a £150 million hole in its balance sheet with speculative currency options, the role of the corporate treasurer in British companies has become a matter for legitimate concern.

The traditional view during the Eighties was that they performed an important role in protecting the earnings and assets of their companies from the vagaries of increasingly volatile capital markets.

Treasurers became proficient at risk management, egged on by the banks' skilful marketing of increasingly esoteric hedging products. Some of the most aggressive treasury departments crossed the blurred line between pure risk management, where any profit was purely incidental, to an active profit centre taking positions in the markets with the intention of producing a surplus for the corporate bottom line.

Most trading profits remained buoyant and the position taking did not result in spectacular losses, shareholders either did not notice or were not unduly concerned by this use of their funds. This view was also advanced by a finance director quoted by Midland Montagu, which ultimately came to light in some cases losses. Then came Allied-Lyons.

Two surveys published last week produced contrasting conclusions about investors' views of treasurers' role. The traditional consensus was reflected in a survey of investors and lenders by the Midland Montagu risk management team. It declared that "translation exposure should be man-

aged by companies... this is required by investors and bankers, both of whom place a high degree of value on the stability of performance".

However, a survey of insti-

tutional investors by Touché Ross's treasury team contradicted this view. The conclusions, presumably not based on the same sample, were that most shareholders who hedge foreign exchange translation exposures are wasting their time and money".

Most shareholders surveyed rated treasury earnings of low quality and even negative price/earnings ratio.

Respondents argued that as shareholders they preferred to make their own decisions

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Whatever the outcome of the debate, the golden era of the corporate treasurer, when risk management was regarded as "a good thing", seems to have passed. With sterling's entry into the ERM, and increasing political pressure on the government to produce a more stable macroeconomic trading environment, the corporate treasurer, one of the most influential figures in the Eighties, may be set to return to the ranks of the backroom boys.

## SMALLER COMPANIES

## Furniture in position for the recovery

LOWER interest rates and a slightly more optimistic retail sector have improved the outlook for beleaguered furniture suppliers.

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Nigel Benn makes an unconvincing start to his quest for another contest with Chris Eubank

## New image survives its first exposure

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BY CHOOSING the comfortable option of boxing at super-middleweight, Nigel Benn could be making life uncomfortable for himself.

Before his first appearance at the heavier weight against Lenzie Morgan at Brentwood Saturday, he had said: "I'm comfortable at 12 stone. Why not work at that?"

After beating the American, who is little more than a journeyman, by just one round, it was plain Benn is going to have trouble handling bigger men.

Being a small middleweight, he would be more effective in the lighter division. But after Chris Eubank moved up to super-middle, Benn, who had a chance of a world middleweight title bout with Gerald McClellan, of Detroit, decided to follow Eubank instead.

Big money was in a return with Eubank. Life would be pleasanter too, for since Benn walks around at 12st 5lb, he would have to lose only five pounds to make super-middle instead of 13 to come down to middle.

However, despite his unimpressive performance against Morgan, Benn still believes he can beat Eubank at the heavier weight. "I don't

think anybody that moves up from middle to super-middle is stronger than me," he said after his bout. "This time I'll prepare for him. I didn't train for him last time, he trained for me."

Benn hopes to meet Eubank in June, but before that he faces an ageing but rugged Argentinian in Dario Matteoni on December 4 at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester. Another contest is planned for February.

While Eubank looked stronger and more positive at super-middleweight against Michael Watson, Benn not only seemed negative against Morgan but for much of the bout appeared to have slowed down as well.

Even though Benn was leading for the first five rounds rounds, after taking two straight rights from Morgan in the sixth, he spent much of the next three rounds weaving and rolling on the ropes. Benn put in a spurt at the end of the last round, but that was nothing more than show.

Benn blamed his showing on a cold. His new trainer, Graham Moughton, thought he performed well enough. But Benn will have to be consistently aggressive against



By the right: Lenzie Morgan, left, and Nigel Benn throw simultaneous punches in their contest at Brentwood

Matteoni, who is a hard man. He served a one-year ban for hitting a referee and no doubt is not above giving Benn a clout or two.

Benn's so-called softer image could well have affected

his performance. It is difficult for a fighter used to being fired up to act like a Droopy Dog, and twist like a Tasmanian Devil. The words Mum on the front of his waistband and Dad at the back, because it

was his parents' 34th wedding anniversary, might have brought "abs" from mums and dads who watched him on television, but did little else for him. One of these days he will have to go back to being

the Dark Destroyer again. RESULTS: Welterweight (5 mds): Mike Reid (Cotter, Ireland) 1, Paul Light (5 mds): Steve Paul (Ireland) 1, Gordon Walker (Norw.) 2, Nigel Benn (Lord) 1, Lenzie Morgan (GB) 1, Tony Henry (6 mds): Garry Clegg (GB) 1, Grahame Arnold (Nor. 2nd), rec 1st end.

### HOCKEY

## Hounslow take command

Hounslow ..... 2  
Southgate ..... 1

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

HOUNSLOW'S important victory over Southgate in the Pizza Express National League at Feltham yesterday should have been more emphatic than the scoreline suggests.

It was a fast and fluent game, but the fact that Hounslow gained 11 short corners indicated which way it was flowing. As it was, Southgate scored from their first short corner rather late in the day and had a chance to score from another towards the end. It would have been a travesty of justice if they had squared the match.

With Southgate making little headway, Mackney combined well with Potter to set up a chance for Rees to score Hounslow's second goal in the 48th minute.

There followed a renewal of endeavour by Southgate, who forced their first short corner in the 53rd minute and Sean Kerr converted with a strong hit along the ground.

Southgate's chance to save the day arrived five minutes before the end from a short corner but Kerr was denied a clear shot at goal.

HOUNSLOW: R Purvis, O Mackney, M Williams, P Belland, M Grimes, J Potter, D Hunter, A Faria, N Gordon, R Rees, M Ross, G Wragg, J Cunningham, J Dublin, J Stimpson, N Clark, P Bass, R Freeman (sub: G Gabone), R Welch, S Kelly. Unnamed: P Broughton (Surrey Counties) and N Jansen (Northern Counties).

## Teddington denied by Garcia's goal

RUSSELL Garcia saved Havant the champions, from defeat by Teddington, in the Pizza Express national league yesterday with a goal from a short-corner in the sixth minute (Sydney Friskin writes).

His second scoring effort forced a 3-3 draw, Williams had scored Havant's first goal, with Billson (3) and McGuire replying for Teddington.

Teddington, the only side with maximum points, head the first division table but the East Grinstead and Stourport kept up the chase with hard-earned 2-1 victories over Old Loughtonians and Bromley respectively.

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## Soviets brush aside hardship troubles

AUCKLAND — The Soviet Union beat India 1-0 in the men's final of the Olympic qualifying tournament here yesterday, Sergei Pleshakov scoring the decisive goal in the 24th minute.

The Soviets played the whole tournament with only one reserve player and a goalkeeper on the bench. Mikhail Osintsev, the coach, was restricted in the number of players he could take to the tournament by his country's National Olympic Committee, and the people of Auckland helped out with free meals for the squad.

New Zealand beat Malaysia 2-1 in the match to decide third place. The Soviet Union, India, New Zealand, Malaysia and Belgium all qualified for the places in the main draw at Barcelona next year.

On Saturday, Germany won a penalty shoot-out 5-2, after a 1-1 draw, to beat New Zealand in the women's championship final.

Both teams had already qualified for Barcelona along with Canada and Britain in the losing semi-finalists — and they were joined by South Korea, who beat Japan 3-0 for fifth place.

RESULTS: Men: Seventh place play-off: 1. Italy 3, France 0. Fifth place: Canada 2, Belgium 2 (et); Belgium won 4-1 on penalties. Sixth place: Malaysia 1, Soviet Union 1. Women: Fifth place: South Korea 3, Japan 0. Final: Germany 1, New Zealand 1 (et); Germany won 5-2 on pens.

## Milestone for Bolger

JIM Bolger, who set a record in Ireland last year by winning 149 races, achieved another

success on Saturday when a treble at Leopardstown took his total earnings past £1 million for the season (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

However, Richard Hannan thwarted Bolger's attempt to win the last group race of the season, the EBF Leopardstown Stakes, by taking the prize with Swing Low. Although opposed out to 2-1 joint favouritism with

Irish Memory, Swing Low took the lead from Irish Memory a furlong from home and ran on strongly to win by two lengths.

Vincent O'Brien saddled his easiest winner of the year when Classic Venture scored by ten lengths, and at the Leopardstown Bank holiday meeting this afternoon he expects Favoured Nations to win the Leopardstown Gold Cup Centre Trig Stakes.

At Galway, Richard Dunwoody has fancied rides with Muzhann and New Mill House.

### Queen's Bench Division

## Law Report October 28 1991

## Parental school preference duty

Regina v Cleveland County Council and Another, Ex parte Commission for Racial Equality [Judgment October 18]

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determine whether the act was discriminatory within the meaning of the 1976 Act. For the CRE to succeed, the activating cause of what happened had to be that the authority had itself on racial grounds treated a person less favourably than others.

Race formed no part of the reason for the decision of the authority to move the child.

That decision amounted to a response by the authority to the parent's expressed preference.

Any racial ground expressed by the parent was detached from and incidental to both the decision making process and the decision of the authority, which, as in this case, might be most reluctant to act, had or might refuse to do so if a parent's expressed racial reasons.

His Lordship believed that Parliament intended that even discreditable motives of a parent, excepted where it was admitted, did not apply in section 6 of 1980 Act.

The duty to comply with that preference was whether section 18 was overridden by the operation of section 18, provided the act under discussion was done in pursuance of any enactment.

Section 6 of the 1980 Act was in mandatory terms, and compliance with the duty according to the statute see *Hompson v Department of Education and Science* ([1991] 1 AC 171).

If such an act was caught by section 18 of the 1976 Act, His Lordship did not see why it would be excluded from the protection of section 41 of the 1976 Act which was of general application, so that what might otherwise have been unlawful would, in His Lordship's judgment, be protected.

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The second issue was whether the transfer was an act of segregation. His Lordship, referring to section 1 of the 1976 Act, said that he was not persuaded that the moving of the child amounted to segregation.

In the instant case, the numerical racial mix was different, but there was no isolation of any race. His Lordship was encouraged in that belief in the meaning of the word "segregation" in that context when looking at the mischief which the Act was aimed at.

The third issue was, if there was segregation, whether the alleged discriminator in the present case was the authority. It was perfectly true that in that context the term was objective.

But the court was concerned with the reason for which an act amounted to segregation.

Solicitors: Hodge Jones & Allen; St Pancras; Lee Jones & Lee for Mr Alan J. Hodgkinson, Middlesbrough; Treasury Solicitor: Peach Grey & Co., Southampton.

## Defendants' costs in enquiries

Regina v Darling, Ex parte Swan Hunter Shipyards Ltd

Regina v Same, Ex parte Bibby Tankers Ltd

Regina v Same, Ex parte Lloyd's Register of Shipping

Regina v Same, Ex parte Marsh and Others

Before Mr Justice Popplewell [Judgment October 18]

Although the general practice at disaster enquiries was for defendants to have their costs out of public funds, that was not the practice at wrecks enquiries.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment in judicial review proceedings of the decision on October 23, 1989 of Mr Gerald Darling, QC, wrecks Commissioner, that the practice of costs falling where they lay had not been established or if it had, it was wrong and was certainly not applicable to defendants.

Mr Darling had ordered the Secretary of State for Transport to pay to any of the parties to the investigation such costs, if any, as they might have incurred other than legal representation at the hearing of the investigation which would otherwise

necessarily have been incurred by the secretary of state. Save as aforesaid, each of the parties to bear their own costs including the costs of representation.

Applications for judicial review of Mr Darling's order for costs were also made by Swan Hunter Shipyards Ltd, Bibby Tankers Ltd and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Mr Richard Stone, QC and

Mr Michael Swainson for Swan Hunter; Mr Michael N. Howard, QC and Mr Robin Hay for Bibby Tankers; Mr Adrian Hartnett, QC for Lloyd's Register; Mr Bernard Bucknall for Swan Hunter Shipyards Ltd, Bibby Tankers Ltd and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

His Lordship did not doubt that the general practice at disaster enquiries was that defendants were awarded their costs out of public funds because it was important that the relatives and defendants were properly represented.

Mr Steel submitted that there was no settled practice that defendants should have their costs in the absence of hardship.

It was difficult to see why defendants should be treated differently or if it was because it was in the absence of financial hardship that they should be entitled to their costs.

His Lordship found the general practice in the absence of hardship was for the defendants

to pay their own costs and he found no distinction between the phrasing of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 of "such awards as he thinks fit" and the words used in section 56(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 as amended by section 48 and Schedule 5 to the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 of "just and reasonable" costs.

His Lordship could see the force of the argument that it was illogical that hardship should be a criterion for an award of costs, he could see nothing irrational in the view taken by Mr Darling in following the general practice in the instant case.

Mr Steel submitted that if one was looking at what was "just" it could only be just that defendants of victims of the accident under investigation who were proper parties to a public enquiry should have their costs paid out of public funds.

All the arguments were clearly and carefully considered by Mr Darling. He had come to a conclusion properly considering of material matters and which was based on reasoning which did not come within miles of being described as irrational.

However, in relation to a secondary application that Mr Darling's decision was unworkable, the master would be remitted for him to give directions to enable his order to be carried into effect.

Solicitors: Ingledean Batters, Newcastle upon Tyne; Holman Fenwick & Williams; Elbowe Mitchell; Ingledean Brown Bennison & Garrett; Treasury Solicitor.

Statutory powers decision not unreasonable

Regina v Secretary of State for Health and Others, Ex parte Prison Officers Association

Before Mr Justice Kennedy [Judgment October 15]

The Secretary of State for Health had not acted unreasonably in deciding that the departmental inquiry into allegations of ill-treatment of patients at Ashworth Special Hospital be granted statutory powers pursuant to section 125 of the Mental Health Act 1983 following the withdrawal of cooperation by the Prison Officers' Association (POA).

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by the POA for judicial review of that decision and of the decision of Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, Mr Martin Brown, Mr Robert Dolan and Ms Elaine Murphy to continue as the committee of the POA.

# Jape ready to fulfil abundant promise of Newbury debut

PAUL Cole can further enhance his position as champion trainer-elect by saddling Jape to win the H. Backhouse Maiden Stakes at Bath this afternoon.

At Newbury, on his only outing, the Alleged colt showed immense promise when a length second to the much-vaunted Arctic Tracker. Since that promising performance in July, Arctic Tracker has upheld the form by finishing third to Chicomond in the group three Solaris Stakes at Sandown, Sealine Rhyme, the runner-up in that Sandown race, boosted the form with an impressive victory in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday.

Today, the principal threat appears to be the highly-regarded newcomer King's Treasure. The Ian Balding-trained colt, who is related to such notable performers as Diamond Shoal and Glint Of Gold, has been the subject of glowing reports from the Kingscote gallops.

Aitch N' Bee, a short head second to Miss Sharpo here on his penultimate outing, can return to form in the Upton Cheyney Handicap. At Leicester last time out he was never on good terms with himself and consequently was not given a hard time when

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His defeat can be attributed to him swallowing his tongue. Prior to that he performed like a useful horse in the making at Salisbury when second to Autocracy, the runner-up to Fair Crack in the Goffs Millenium at the Curragh.

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Henry Cecil, the leading trainer at the midlands course, can continue his recent run of success by completing a double with Fly To The Moon (2.50) and Rayado (3.50).

Cole can move nearer the trainers' championship

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## Lack of firepower leaves United's ambitions exposed

ALEX Ferguson would doubtless like to turn back the clock three weeks, never mind one hour. The hunt for red October turned out to be a forlorn one; just two points from three games that it was felt would provide Manchester United with a stern examination of their domestic ambition, while abroad they almost certainly surrendered the Cup Winners' Cup.

Yet there cannot be much that Ferguson would have done differently. United did not have the best of luck against Liverpool, Arsenal and Atlético Madrid and while losing 3-2 to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday was more a case of good luck running out, there was some excuse for a first League defeat of the season, which cost them the League leadership.

As if their spirit had not suffered enough with those late hammer blows in Madrid last Wednesday, they came to Hillsborough with their flesh weakened by injuries to Bruce and Robson, which both players manfully carried throughout the game but, perhaps most significantly, they also came without the services of Hughes and Ince, for reasons of suspension and injury, respectively.

In such condition they were

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required to resist a Wednesday team on a seven-match winning roll at home, and one that was definitely "up for it". It was hardly surprising, therefore, that Trevor Francis fancied his team's chances of success, even when they were trailing at half-time.

But if defeat for United seemed somehow inevitable, it was never conceded until the final whistle, and that alone ought to give Ferguson and his players heart, however bad an omen this defeat may seem. It was at Hillsborough that United's unbeaten start of 15 games came to an end in the ill-fated 1985-6 season.

Ferguson was keeping his chin up, even if he might have been advised to keep his head down during the course of the game, when he was struck by a coin thrown by a spectator who believed he had been seated among Wednesday's season ticket holders.

"There's no point in reflecting on the fact that we've lost our place at the top because it doesn't really matter at this stage," he said. "I'm not in the slightest bit bothered. With players like that, they'll come back all right. I'm certain of that."

No, it is not character that United lack. Nor is it defensive vigilance, despite conceding six goals in their past two games. It is firepower from an attack which, with or without Hughes, is markedly inferior to that of their leading rivals and, in particular and possibly crucially, to that of Arsenal. It is also the reason why United's prospects of overhauling Atlético's three-goal advantage are viewed so dimly.

Naturally, it did not help having Robins (remember him, the FA Cup hero of two seasons ago?) suspended at the same time as the combative Welshman, but Ferguson would be kidding himself if he thought that McClaren's brace of goals proved that he does have options in attack.

Never were two goals more fortuitously claimed by the Scot, who is far more at home as a constructive midfield player, occasionally lending his shooting skill to the attack.

Ironically, Wednesday appear to possess a wealth of forward talent. Hirst is the pick of it, and he opened the scoring in the fourteenth minute with a header superbly struck on the run from a cross from Worthington. Wednesday's defenders then proceeded to commit their own version of hara-kiri twice in the space of five minutes to surrender the lead, and McClain, Giggs and Kanchelskis spurned to wrap the game up before half-time.

The game was already turning inexorably Wednesday's way when Jemson, a recent £800,000 acquisition from Nottingham Forest, arrived in the 63rd minute to give it that extra push with goals in the seventieth and eightieth minutes, the winner stemming, as United's luck would have it, from an unfortunate headed pass by Webb.

South Yorkshire police are studying a video in an attempt to identify the supporter who threw the coin at Alex Ferguson. Ferguson suffered a cut to his scalp on the left side of his head, but did not require stitches.

The incident happened as he called to his players on the touchline in front of the team's dug-out, immediately after Sheffield Wednesday had made the score 2-2.

Ferguson said: "It's a shame because there was nothing nasty in the match and it was a terrific game. It's just one idiot who could spoil it for all the others, because there's no doubt that Sheffield could get into trouble over this."

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Arm's length: Gale, of West Ham, left, keeps Lineker, of Tottenham, at bay at Upton Park on Saturday

## A sweet and sour show

West Ham United  
Tottenham Hotspur

By STUART JONES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

2 somebody his own size, Thomas, and then somebody who is not, Slater.

As West Ham United's most talented individual crumpled, bearing the imprint of studs on his inner thigh, Small ran some 30 yards to remonstrate, vehemently with the assailant. The protest was unnecessary because Durie booked for his first offence, was bound to be sent off.

Tottenham Hotspur's reaction was equally misplaced. Although fingers were jabbed in the direction of Small, and Stewart had to be restrained from taking stronger action, the referee calmly consulted a linesman before issuing his verdict. The official crime, punished automatically by a one-match suspension, was "persistent misconduct after being cautioned".

An unusually infuriated Lineker still insisted that Small was a decisive factor. The leading scorer for West Ham defended himself by launching an attack. "I've seen Lineker fall over, when there is no need to, and influence a referee," he said. "But he has the mouth to accuse me of being unprofessional."

Lineker recognises that a repetition of a collective dispute during the European Cup Winners' Cup tie in Porto next week would have "dire consequences". So would a repetition of a defensive display that contributed to a fourth successive League defeat and dropped the club into the lower half of the table.

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pecially on their left flank, failed to protect an early lead established by Lineker. Pur-

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Even Lineker, the im-

placable captain of England, featured prominently in the heated discussions, which erupted once Durie had vented his anger. Convinced that Brecker's push should have been worthy of a

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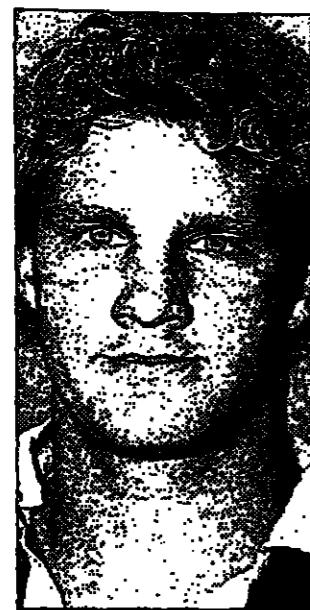
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The holders are knocked out of the Rugby World Cup as New Zealand's years of dominance end dramatically in Dublin

## Campese calls the tune as Australia waltz into final



Lynagh: set up tries

**Australia** ..... 16  
**New Zealand** ..... 6  
**From DAVID HANDS  
IN DUBLIN**

**ADVANCE** Australia fair, their supporters sang at Lansdowne Road yesterday, and so they did, to the final of the World Cup at the expense of New Zealand, the holders of the Webb Ellis Trophy. Moreover their victory, by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to two penalties, was the complete antithesis of Saturday's semi-final at Murrayfield.

It was a vibrant, pulsating match in which Australia's greater triumph was to reduce almost to incoherence, a nation whose grim application to the basics of the game has held them at the world's forefront for the best part of a century.

In the second half, when New Zealand faced their

sternest test of character for many a year, there was an abdication of responsibility behind the scrum. Grant Fox, the senior player, should have led direction, but did not.

The All Blacks pack won enough primary possession — indeed Ian Jones, in the first half, stood between them and a hiding, so well did he perform at the lineout — for a more effective game to have been fashioned. But so impressive was the Australian tackling, in offence and defence, that time, precious time, which New Zealanders are so accustomed to denying to others, was denied to them.

Instead they were forced, by Australia's magnificent start, to play catch-up rugby and despite their territorial dominance after the interval, when they trailed 13-0, they seldom threatened the Australian line. That they did not was hugely to the credit of Lynagh, Horan



and Little, who tackled everything in a black shirt that moved; Kirwan, if he beat the first man, could not beat the second.

Then there was Campese. The great entertainer, who tormented New Zealand when first he played against them in 1982, turned the knife once more in what seems likely to be his last appearance against them. He scored the opening try, he sent in Horan for the second and reduced Timu, who might have been better

used at full back with Tuigamala on the wing, to impotence.

Above all, he and his colleagues demonstrated how the ball may be used to wonderfully attractive effect. New Zealand, it should be added, responded, but without the penetration of their opponents; they were muscular, some of their passing was masterful but, under pressure, it broke.

Australia were not error-free — they missed touch more often than they would have wanted — but when so many of the side are working to make amends, the effect is minimised. The work, therefore, of tight forwards such as McKenzie and McCall was critical in sustaining their cause, notably when New Zealand pressed fervently just before the interval.

Australia's initial domination was emphasised by New Zealand's inability to take play into the opposing 22 until five minutes before half-time. It was the second half before Fox had a kick at goal, which is a remarkable statistic. The extent to which they missed Michael Jones, the flanker who will not play on Sundays, becomes one of the game's great imponderables.

Campese's try, with only seven minutes gone, was the result of Lynagh's misfield break and the wing's appearance in the stand-off half position. His diagonal run created so much doubt among defenders that he could ignore one gap to reach the corner. The same combination accounted for Horan's try after McCall had kicked a penalty. The stand-off half chipped delicately, Campese gathered the ball and lured Timu towards him before flipping an off-handed pass to Horan on the outside.

In the second half, Bachop and Kirwan became the main focus of New Zealand's attack. But for all their territorial ascendancy and their competitive lineout, their finishing was poor.

"That was because of our swarming type of defence," Farrell-Jones said — a swarm which will now buzz about English ears.

Scorers: Australia: Tries: Campese, Horan (2), Lynagh (2); Penalties: goals: Fox (2). New Zealand: Penalties: goals: Horan (2).

**AUSTRALIA:** M C Rostow (Enfield), D J Cuthbert (Brentwood), J S Little (Southgate), J Horan (Southgate), R H Egan (Sydney University), M J Lynch (Queensland University, capt.), A J Daly (Eastern Suburbs), P N Keerna (Harrowgate), E J A McKeown (Brentwood), J A Egan (Brooklands), V J McCall (Auckland), J R Timu (Otago), G J Fox (Auckland), G T M Bachop (Auckland), G J Little (Auckland), S J Webb (Auckland), B T Fletcher (Auckland), R W Lee (Walsall), A J Whetton (Auckland), I D Jones (North Auckland), G W Whetton (North Auckland), M P Carter (Auckland), Z V Brooks (Auckland). Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland).

### MATCH FACTS

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
New Zealand	16	5	1	0
Australia	6	13	1	0
Lineouts	Award	Won	Void	
New Zealand	22	18		
Australia	10	10		
Penalties/free kicks	Award	Pen	Goal	Miss
New Zealand	8	1	2	3
Australia	10	1	1	3
Stand-off halves	Run	Kick	Pass	
New Zealand	0	1	2	4
Australia	0	0	1	1
Kicks at goal	Total	Con	Miss	
New Zealand	3	2	1	
Australia	6	2	4	

□ Statistics supplied by Unysys

## England adopt a calculated line

**Scotland** ..... 6  
**England** ..... 9

By DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

**IF** SPORT is about satisfying the inner man rather than the ranks of those who can only stand and stare, England are satisfied: at Murrayfield on Saturday, they reached the final of the World Cup by as coldly calculated a route as possible, yet in the moment of victory the warmth the players felt for their own achievement was evident to all.

If, on the other hand, sport is about warmth and passion and spontaneity, then Murrayfield was not, on a dull, overcast, windless day, perfect for exercising all rugby's skills, the place to be.

"England wanted to strangle the game, we wanted to keep it alive," Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, said, not as a reproach, merely as an expression of fact.

Chess is a game of mathematical calculation and what we had was precisely that, with Rob Andrew calling checkmate on Scotland with the dropped goal which won this semi-final by two penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalties. It was his fifteenth in international rugby (14 for England), which puts him level with Naas Botha, the South African, and Jean-Patrick Lescarboura of France, the joint holders of the world record.

But the self-imposed limitations of England's game were so nearly not enough, and it is impossible to believe that they will be enough in the final on

### MATCH FACTS

Attendance: 54,000.

Territorial advantage

Scotland 36min, England 47

Possession

Scotland 55min, England 48

Scrums

Award Won Ag hd Void

Scotland ..... 18 18 0 4

England ..... 19 15 0 0

Lineouts

Award Won Void

Scotland ..... 25 16 0

England ..... 15 20 4

Penalties/free kicks

Award Pen Goal Miss

Scotland ..... 11 6 2 1

England ..... 12 0 2 4

Stand-off halves

Run Kick Pass

Chalmers ..... 0 8 9

Andrew ..... 0 17 9

Kicks at goal

Total Con Miss

G Hastings ..... 3 2 1

Webb ..... 6 2 4

Andrew succeeded with one dropped goal and failed with another; Chalmers failed with two dropped goal attempts.

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Saturday. Had Gavin Hastings not missed the simplest of penalty kicks, it would have been Scotland with a 9-6 lead in the final quarter; moreover, in the phase of play immediately preceding that 20-metre kick, Scotland had won three successive rucks and created a yawning open side, with men to spare against a desperate defence. It could, and should, have been a try, but Scotland could not use their overlap and the chance was lost.

The game of consequences can be played for ever, of course, and what should be emphasised is the nail-biting tension of the game and the sportsmanship apparent throughout, even to the Scottish lip of honour, involving two teams who have respect, if not affection, for each other.

What might England have done if Webb had taken his early goals? In every match in this tournament, England have had comforting points on the board within five minutes, but this time, Webb, among the four leading scorers in the competition, was off the mark; he succeeded with only one of three kicks at goal in each half.

As it was, England's early set-piece dominance (20 minutes had passed before Scotland won their first lineout) withered; the Scots took every opportunity to break up the speed of play and used Gavin Hastings to considerable effect, his improvised kicking working wonderfully well.

However, England had done their homework on Armstrong; the little scrum half found the opposition back row standing off scrums and in unforgiving mood.

"I felt in the first half we had



Safety play: Teague, England's No. 8, prepares to pass as Scottish flankers, Jeffrey, left, and Calder, are kept out

stolen the initiative for a while," McGeechan said. "But we didn't get far enough ahead to force England to change their tactics; they could continue to play set-piece rugby. At this level, it's important the half-chances become whole ones and we couldn't do that."

The flashes of intuitive skill were diamonds: Chalmers' pick-up and feed to Tuilau under severe pressure; Underwood's daring, daring run down the touchline which almost earned a try and prepared the position from which Andrew dropped his goal; the never-ending energy of Jeffrey which his two back-row colleagues, on the day, could not match; the lineout skills of Dooley and Ackford,

which gave England an 18-12 advantage in that critical area.

England's game plan became simplicity itself: kick high, kick long and force the Scots to play it back. One of the game's leading administrators had talked that morning of proposals for the elimination of the high kick which has been a feature of this tournament.

But it worked, and it is not yet the duty of these players to entertain. Thus, Gavin Hastings kicked the first two penalties of the match (offside by Winterbottom and obstruction at the front of the lineout by Probyn on Sole); Webb responded before the interval after the

Scots had been reduced to a scrum, always under

pressure when England chose to turn the screw, collapsed in front of its own posts.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Wales return with a stylish victory

Wales ..... 68  
Papua New Guinea ..... 0

By a CORRESPONDENT

WELSH rugby was wearing a smile again last night after the rugby league team returned to international action in record-breaking fashion at Swansea. With the strains of the national anthem still ringing in their ears the Welsh side quickly bridged the seven year gap since their last international outing and took the lead within a minute of the start.

Their desire to win, and to show off their talents in front of a home crowd, was obvious from the way that David Bishop clattered into James Naipoa in the first tackle and forced him to lose the ball.

From there, Wales were able to send Paul Moriarty on a run that led to a simple penalty in front of the posts which Jonathan Davies goaled.

As much as the side-stepping of Davies and Phil Ford, the speed of Tony Sullivan

and the tackling of everyone in a red shirt caught the eye, it was the development of forwards like David Young and Mark Jones that shocked most people. Having headed north as capable rugby union internationals, they returned to Swansea as better athletes and more skilful all-round players.

The drives of Young, Jones and Moriarty in particular helped create the space for the Welsh backs to exploit. Eight tries were scored before half-time as the Welsh celebrated their international comeback with a record breaking score before the interval.

David Bishop added the tenth try, which Davies duly goaled from in front of the posts, and Hadley and Davies crossed the line later on, the latter taking his personal tally to 24, a Welsh record, for the match.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Ford (2), Sullivan (2), Ackerman, Griffiths, Davies (2), Bateman, Ellis, Bishop, Hadley, Goode.

Papua New Guinea: Ellis (2).

## A happy outcome to Lydon's wait

By KEITH MACKLIN

ONE of the longest intervals between the scoring of a try and the awarding of it brought furious protests from Halifax players at Central Park, yesterday where Wigan rediscovered their best form after recent reverses to thrash Halifax 40-18.

The controversial try came when Wigan were leading 8-0. Lydon was tackled, apparently inches short of the line. He appealed for the try, but the referee, David Campbell, was busy sorting out a dust-up between Fieldhouse, of Halifax, and Gregory, of Wigan. When he had lectured the players he went across to the touch judge who, minutes after the event, signalled that Lydon had made the try line.

Leeds and St Helens shared the points with an 8-8 draw at Headingley. The visitors led 0-0

with a try by Hunt and two goals from Tanner but in a rousing rally Leeds scored tries by Edwards and Divotty and almost snatched the points with late dropped goal attempts by Divotty and Goulding. St Helens stay top of the table above Widnes, who had no game.

Salford did the double over Hull with a comfortable 26-8 win, and in the second division Sheffield Eagles confirmed their leadership by thrashing Oldham 35-12.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Lydon (2), Betts (2), Miles, Parsons, Myers, Goode; Lydon (2), Hall, Ellis; Three: Preston, Austin, Sharp, Goode; Parsons (2).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: P Boga, K Kowou (both tries), K Shembe, R Wagner, J Dyer, J Urap, K Papercut, J Naipoa, S Hora (captain), J Urap, K Papercut, J Naipoa, T Dala, M Tia, J Urap (subs: L Hoffmann).

Referee: B Hargan (Australia).  
Referee: D Campbell (Widnes).

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## Unfounded attacks on England's winning ways



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THE best pack versus the best back. How England, the pragmatists, will attempt to counteract David Campese, the most exciting player in the game, will give the rugby World Cup final at Twickenham, and millions of armchair critics, a fascinating climax to a year's suspense.

The spirit of tactical sportsmanship is said by some now to be more at stake than in any contest between the two countries since the infamous Bodyline cricket series. English expediency will this time be more intelligent, and less extreme, dependent on a pack whose performance against France and then Scotland was riveting in its efficiency.

The romantics, those who assert that rugby needs the emotional injection of flair and attack, will be praying for an Australian triumph. The opinion is legitimate; but I

believe it would be quite wrong to ignore those virtues which England's relentlessly determined XV possess. The qualities with which England controversially ground their way to narrow victory over Scotland at Murrayfield are capable, on the evidence of yesterday's semi-final at Lansdowne Road, of dismaying the purists yet again.

The exhilaration of Australia's first-half performance against New Zealand — with electrifying runs by him and Horan — and their iron resilience in defence under pressure in the second half, are earning them the premature award of a moral victory over England. History is littered with the fallibility of such predictions.

Those who claim England played frightened rugby at Murrayfield perhaps underestimate Will Carling's team.

When France beat Australia in

that memorable semi-final of the first World Cup, they were then caught in the vice of New Zealand's territorial control and possession in the final. England will need to deny Australia possession more than New Zealand did yesterday; they will attempt to do so and may succeed.

The cricket world has had to live for 20 years with a four-man West Indies pace attack, a part of the game. The Rugby World Cup is not a charity, and for New Zealand yesterday to moan in defeat about England's style seemed to me sour grapes.

Critics of every nation are condemning England's play — "the ruination of rugby", according to the New Zealand coach, John Hart — but rugby is paying the price of inventing a World Cup played to win, and the price of the

laws. If rugby wishes to lessen the significance of England's lineout and scrummage control, the only recourse is to alter the laws, not to demand voluntary modification of legitimate functions. Do not expect Teague and Andrew to cry for Australia.

Of course no neutral enjoyed on Saturday the equivalent of an attempt to snooker the opposition with all the colours still on the table. If that is tactically inferior, the answer is for Australia to go out next Saturday and demonstrate how and why.

The danger of England's style, it is argued, is that it will be detrimental to the attitude of youngsters coming into the game; that Rob Andrew's precise kicking will become as suffocating an example as 4-4-2 tactics in football. I can only say that what England have done in this World Cup will be done by others in the future.

If the International Rugby Football Board want Barbarian fervour and scrummage control, they should halt the World Cup. That is now impossible. Nobody rejects a competition that generates, as this may, almost £40 million.

It will be better for rugby if Australia win handsomely with another flurry of rippling invention, just as it was better for football that Brazil won the World Cup of 1970. Yet Brazil then were as apprehensive of a functional team led by Bobby Moore as Australia may now be of Andrew's incisive kicking and Brian Moore's inspired pack.

England had the option, from the amount of possession they won, to run the ball more against Scotland, and chose not to. If they choose not to against Australia at Twickenham on Saturday and win, who is to say they are wrong? The argument, and the outcome, are helping to increase the massive

Dwyer calls into question England's kicking approach in the semi-final at Murrayfield

## Australia seek running game

By DAVID HANIS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND, the champions of the northern hemisphere, will return to their home ground of Twickenham on Saturday to meet Australia in the final of rugby union's World Cup. They will do so with the acid knowledge that, when last they met, in Sydney in July, they sustained defeat by the record margin of 40-15.

The Australians defeated New Zealand, the 1987 World Cup winners, 16-6 here yesterday and will fly to London today to begin their preparations for the final. In contrast, England made their way yesterday to Grantham where they will take a family break until Wednesday, recuperating from the rigours of Saturday's 9-6 defeat of Scotland at Murrayfield.

For Australia, victory yesterday made up in part for the severe disappointment of semi-final defeat, by France, in the 1987 tournament. "This was the most important game we have played," Bob Dwyer, their coach, said. "Next Saturday will be even more important but to play against New Zealand is a tremendous challenge. You want to challenge the best and that is why playing New Zealand has for us such a special meaning.

"On this occasion it had something extra because we won our way into the final of the World Cup." But Dwyer had a word of warning for his players: "England are playing a hell of a lot better now than they did in Australia earlier in the year. They're a very tough nut to crack. Any team that can win their way through to the final by via Paris and Edinburgh is a tough side."

However John Hart, the New Zealand co-coach, expressing his admiration for Australia's winning performance, offered implied criticism of England's methods. "I hope the rugby public saw at Lansdowne Road what rugby



Powerful: Horan breaks the tackle to score Australia's second try in their 16-6 victory over New Zealand at Lansdowne Road yesterday

can do and the way it can be played.

"It was awfully important for the tournament this game was played the way it was. We participated in a great game of rugby where both sides showed they can use the ball. I believe the game is played to run the ball, to move it, not just kick and chase it. If any side can win the ball as England did and move it past first five-eighths [stand-off half], I wonder why we're

playing rugby. I don't believe rugby has been promoted all the time in this World Cup but I would like to think it was promoted today."

Alex Wyllie, the other New Zealand coach, offered the belief that Australia would match England at the scrums and line-outs so that the final would "come down to the backs". Australia are prepared to use them [the backs] more and if they score points England will have to catch up and you can't always do it with penalties".

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, is weary of accustomed to criticism of his

team's methods: "Having made the final we now have every prospect of winning it," he said. "Whatever people may say, for the England side to beat France and Scotland away on successive Saturdays, is a magnificent achievement. The final is at Twickenham and it's who gets it right on the day."

England came through their game unaffected by injury while Australia were relieved that Nick Farr-Jones, their captain, emerged unscathed after doubts earlier last week caused by his damaged knee.

He was grateful to his forwards for the protection they

gave him against New Zealand but he and his colleagues will be happier when their medical team have given Tim Horan clean bill of health.

At one stage Anthony Herbert, the replacement centre, warmed up when it seemed that Horan, who had his head bandaged after scoring his try, might come on after hurting his knee. But he stayed to bolster a midfield defence.

Farr-Jones also drew a comparison with 1988, when Australia beat England in two internationals at home but lost at Twickenham when they toured later that year.

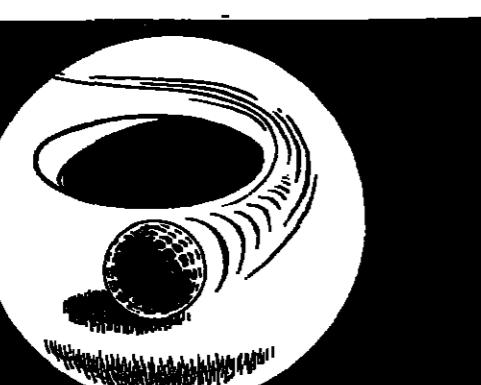
"They're a lot better team

than they were in Sydney this year," he said. "That day we scored three tries from set-piece play. I can't see us doing that next Saturday."

The two losing semi-finalists meet in the third place play-off in Cardiff on Wednesday. "It will be a great opportunity for two sides to get over their disappointment," Gary Whetton, the New Zealand captain, said.

"We want to go out winning and playing a good game of rugby. The Scots have shown that they would like to run the ball, too."

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### Hibernian happy at Hampden

HIBERNIAN completed a remarkable recovery from the brink of extinction this summer by capturing the Skol Cup at Hampden Park yesterday. The Edinburgh side, who almost went to the wall due to a financial crisis, beat Dunfermline 2-0 in a disappointing final in front of 40,377 fans.

Hibernian scored the crucial first goal four minutes into the second half when Mickey Weir played a one-two with Keith Wright. The winger burst into the box and fell in a challenge with Ray Sharp. Brian McGinlay, the referee, awarded a penalty and Tommy McIntyre calmly stroked the ball past Andy Rhodes.

Hibernian, winners only once before in 1972, had dominated the match until that point but Dunfermline could have forced extra time in a tense closing 15 minutes. It was left to Keith Wright to settle the issue six minutes from the end when he raced on to a throughball from Weir to steer the second goal past Rhodes.

### Harrison resigns as coach

By LOUISE TAYLOR

STEVE Harrison resigned as England football coach yesterday, six days after his dismissal as coach to Millwall for "conduct unacceptable to the club".

His departure from the second division side followed an incident when staying with the team at an Ipswich hotel. It involved a "party piece" which Harrison — who has coached England since Graham Taylor became national manager in 1990 — apparently performed when on international duty but which

Glenn Kirton, the Football Association's head of external affairs, released a statement yesterday which said: "Over the weekend, Steve Harrison has considered his position as

coach to the England squad and has offered his resignation. Graham Taylor, on behalf of the FA, has accepted it."

Reg Burr, chairman of Millwall, said: "It [Harrison's resignation] is irrelevant really to our decision because we did not need any backing for it. I would only say that he should

perhaps have resigned from England a bit earlier so that everybody could be spared all the publicity last week."

The England manager now faces the task of appointing a new coach to join him and his No. 2, Lawrie McMenemy. John Ward, who, like Harrison, also assisted Taylor at Watford and Villa, is the favourite. Other contenders include Ray Harford, who has just joined Blackburn, and Phil Neal of Bolton.

Harrison, aged 38, has started a new job coaching at Crystal Palace.

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RON Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, is ready to match Liverpool "pound for pound" in the race to sign David James, Watford's England Under-21 goalkeeper, (Chris Moore writes). "I understand Liverpool are the favourites to sign him whether it's now or at the end of his contract," Atkinson said last night. "But I'm watching the situation closely and have asked Watford to keep me informed of any develop-

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